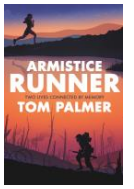


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COMMA

HYPHENATED COMPOUND WORD

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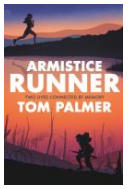
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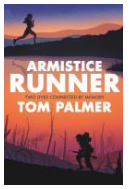
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- SUPERLATIVE
- INDIRECT SPEECH
- DETERMINER (GENERAL ARTICLE)
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- POSSESSIVE PRONOUN



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LITERACY & SPORTS RESOURCE : TEACHER'S NOTES

It is suggested that the accompanying powerpoint is read through in class first.

Warm up questions

Does anyone take part in running / athletics for the school or outside of school?

What sort of running competitions can you do (track, sprinting, cross country, fell running)

What are fells? (big hills)

Where is the Lake District? (find it on a map)

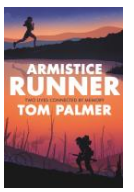
Has anyone read anything by Tom Palmer before?

What genre is this? (fiction-sport)

What narrative is this and how do we know? (third person, She ...)



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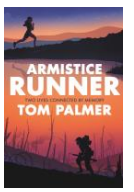
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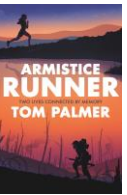
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LITERACY & RUNNING RESOURCE : YOUR UNIQUE RUNNING HILL PROFILE

Plot your scores from left to right, going up a square for correct and down a square for incorrect.

Estimate where you need to start.

Remember, it is only by making mistakes that we learn and running down fells is the fun part!

And just like running, next time you do it you'll be better.

