



### Text overview

**Plot:** Ted, a boy with Asperger syndrome, and his sister Kat, solve the mystery of how their cousin, Salim, seemingly vanishes from inside a sealed capsule on the London Eye. While queuing for tickets, a stranger approaches the cousins with a ticket for the Eye, saying he's afraid of small spaces. They decide Salim should board as he has never been on the Eye before. Half an hour later, when Salim's capsule lands, Kat and Ted discover that Salim is nowhere to be found. When Aunt Gloria and Ted's mother find out about this, they become extremely angry with Kat for allowing Salim to take a ticket from a stranger. Over the next few days, Ted somehow figures out how

**Characters:** Ted Kat Salim Aunt Gloria

**Setting:** London

Annunciation Catholic Junior School

### KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

YEAR 5 - The London Eye Mystery by Siobahn Dowd



### Key Quotes

“Knowledge can be like the skin on the surface of the water in a pond, or it can go all the way down to the mud. It can be the tiny tip of the iceberg or the whole hundred percent.”

“The difference between laughing your head off and shouting your head off is that with one you are happy and with the other you are angry.”

### Prior Knowledge

Year 4 pupils explore ‘stories with a theme’ so pupils will have more experience with exploring sensitive topics, such as being a refugee and bullying. Children have written from the main character’s perspective, however they have not yet explored the alternative perspective and build on this in year 5.

### Context

Siobahn Dowd was brought up in London. She authored short stories, columns and articles, and edited two anthologies. In May 2007, Siobhan was named one of “25 authors of the future” by Waterstones Books as part of the latter’s 25th anniversary celebrations.



### Key Vocabulary

Claustrophobic

Syndrome

Asperger’s syndrome

Phenomenon

Theory

Disappear

Embodied

Meteorologist