Task 1: Make predictions based on the front cover.

Talk through the questions, then choose an activity underneath to complete.

> The title of the book has been covered up. What do you think the title could be? Why do you think that?

> What can you see in the picture? Who is the boy? What is he holding? Why do you think that?

> Who do you think the dog belongs to? Where has the dog come from?

> How do you think the boy feels about the dog? How do you know?

> The title of the book is 'Dogger'. What do you think that could mean? Who might 'Dogger' be? Does it change your predictions?

Activities to choose from:

- **Draw a picture** of where you think the dog has come from.
- **Draw a picture** of where the dog has come from **and write key words** around it.
- **Write a full sentence** about where you think the dog has come from.

Task 2: Discuss the meaning of words from the story.

This is the picture and text from Page 1 of Dogger. Read it with an adult and highlight any words you don't know the meaning of. Ask your adult to explain what they mean.

Once there was a soft brown toy called Dogger.
One of his ears pointed upwards and the other
flopped over. His fur was worn in places because
he was quite old. He belonged to Dave.

Choose an activity:

- **Go on a hunt** around your home to find things that are:
  - Brown; pointed; worn; old; furry; floppy.
- **Say some sentences** using these words to describe Dogger. E.g. 'Dogger has worn fur.' Ask an adult to write your sentences down.
- **Write a sentence** describing Dogger, using the words you have learnt.

Task 3: Make inferences about what is said and done.

Read or listen to pages 1 – 5 of the story: https://youtu.be/jNOYgRf5jes/ Discuss these questions:

How do we know Dogger is precious to Dave? Which clues tell us this?

What does Dave like to do with Dogger? (Page 2)

What does Dave do when Dogger gets dirty? (Page 3)

Where does Dogger sleep at night? (Page 4)

(Answers: We know Dogger is special do Dave because he:

- Takes him everywhere with him
- Gives him rides in a trolley
- Pretends he's a real dog and pulls him along on a lead
- Wraps him up in a blanket when it is cold
- Washes him when he's dirty
- Sleeps with Dogger every night)

Now read pages 1-9 of the story. Explain that Dogger is missing. How do you think Dave is feeling?

Choose an activity:

- **Write words** around the picture describing how Dave feels.
- **Write sentences** about how Dave feels, starting with 'Dave feels…'.
- **Write sentences** about how Dave feels, **using 'and'**. E.g. 'Dave feels sad and lonely.'

Use the 'adjective word mat' file to help you.