

Blueback

Rich Assessment Task: podcast

With a partner, create a two- to four-minute podcast on one of the themes explored in Tim Winton's *Blueback*.

You must write guiding questions which will lead your discussion. Write the whole transcript to show how your questions will be answered. Consider the main topic of your podcast and give your episode an appropriate title.

You must include:

- Two to three open-ended questions to lead your discussion of the selected theme
- Discussion of how they are relevant to your own context
- Discussion of what we can learn from how Tim Winton has conveyed these themes

Consider:

- Who will be the audience for your podcast?
- Will you use sound to break up your podcast?
- How will you set out the podcast: as an interview? What about an informal chat? Could you set it out in another way?

Some example questions to get you thinking:

- We don't hear a lot about Dora's upbringing; we only know her as Abel's mother. What kind of life do you think she had prior to having Abel and raising her family?
- How do Abel's studies help explore the theme of sustainability and the environment?
- What is the significance of the whale bones in the story? What do they represent?