

What Does This Word or Phrase Suggest?

Brrring! The school bell rang out sharply across the playground, announcing the start of the day. Jackson took a deep breath and glanced towards the door. Well, this was it. His first day at his new school. He scanned the playground quickly, in the hope of spotting just one familiar face. He recognised no one. He was going to have to face this one all on his own. He took another deep breath and set off for the door. He would be fine...wouldn't he?

Jackson wandered hesitantly along the corridor, unsure of where he was going. People watched him as he went; he looked and felt like a fish out of water. It wasn't long before an enormous object, in the shape of a boy, stood in his path, completely blocking his way. This couldn't be good, surely? Jackson swallowed hard and allowed his eyes to take in the sight of the boy's dirty, battered trainers; the dark grey trousers which were ripped at the knees; the bright red jumper which stretched around the thick arms and broad shoulders of its wearer, before finally reaching a rather surprising face. He was greeted by bright, twinkling eyes and a wide smile which seemed to spread from ear to ear.

"You must be Jackson," said the boy-giant in a deep but kindly voice. "My name's Tom, but my friends call me Tiny... I'm your settling in buddy," he added with a wink. "Nice to meet you, Tiny," replied Jackson with a relieved smile. Maybe this wasn't going to be so bad after all.

- 'He scanned the playground...' What does the word 'scanned' suggest about the way Jackson was looking?

- '...he looked and felt like a fish out of water.' What does this suggest about how Jackson was feeling?

- What does the phrase '...which stretched around the thick arms and broad shoulders of its wearer...' suggest about the fit of the jumper?
