The night had finally arrived: time for their first date. Jasmine had been waiting, starry-eyed, for their romantic stroll along the beach, their shared love for the sea made it the perfect location.

The pair soon reached their much-anticipated destination, however something seemed a bit off; there was a faint, but acrid, smell of smoke in the air. It grew stronger as they walked.

Turning a corner, hoping to see the MS Zenobia anchored nearby, they got their wish, but also discovered the smoke’s source. The irony of what should have been a beautiful sunset walk going up in flames.

1. What does the word ‘acrid’ mean? How do you know?
2. Which words, or phrases, show joy and happiness?
3. ‘up in flames’ has two meanings. What are they? Which one fits the story best?
4. Imagine you turned the corner, what would you say? Explain why.
5. What do you think the characters will do next? Why?

Be a detective.

How are sunsets made? What do the different colours of sunset mean?
How long does light from the sun take to get to Earth?
How does pollution change sunsets?
Which cities of the world have the shortest and longest days? Why is this? Can you find them on a map?
The MS Zenobia is shipwrecked. Find out about other famous shipwrecks. What happened to them?