

Powerful verbs

The beginning of the Iron Man is full of powerful verbs. In these three sections, the powerful verbs have been replaced with boring ones! Your job is to put them back again and make the story come alive.

1. The wind **went** through his iron fingers. His great iron head, shaped like a dustbin but as big as a bedroom, slowly **went** to the right, slowly **went** to the left. His eyes, like headlamps, **went** white then red, searching the sea.

He **moved** in the strong wind that **went** against his back.

2. One of the iron man's hands **moved** its fingers, like a crab on its back.

Meanwhile the stars went on **moving** through the sky and the wind went on **blowing** at the grass on the cliff-top and the sea went on **moving** and **moving**.

3. The gulls took off and **went** down low over the great iron head. The eyes **went** red, level with the wave tops, till a big wave **went over** them and foam **went** over the top of the head.

The gulls **went** low over the line of bubbles that **moved** out into the deep sea.

Need some help? Try using some verbs from this verb bank:

streamed; spouted; glowed; sang; rocked; blazed; swayed waved;
travelling; crashing; retreating; fluttered; engulfed; floated; howled;
turned; flashed; pushed; arched; brushing; booming; circled; whistled;
swivelled; staggered; wheeling; tugging; boiling; hovered; covered;
glided; gathered

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 10. The eyes **went** red, level with the wave tops.
11. A big wave **went over** them and foam **went** over the top of the head.
spouted; blew; glided; covered; blazed