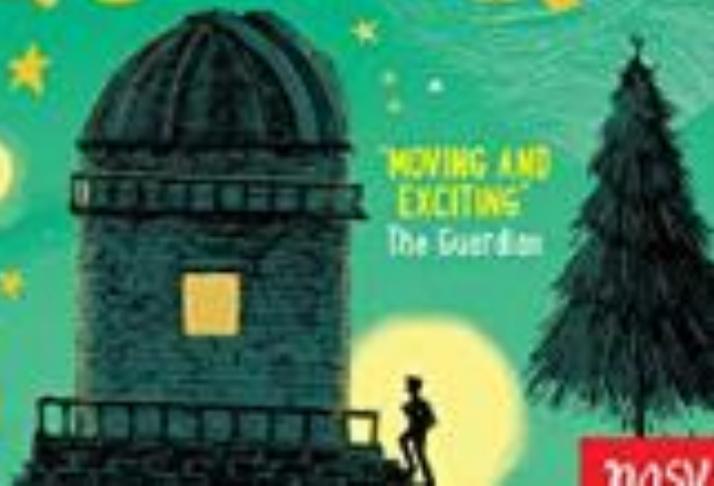


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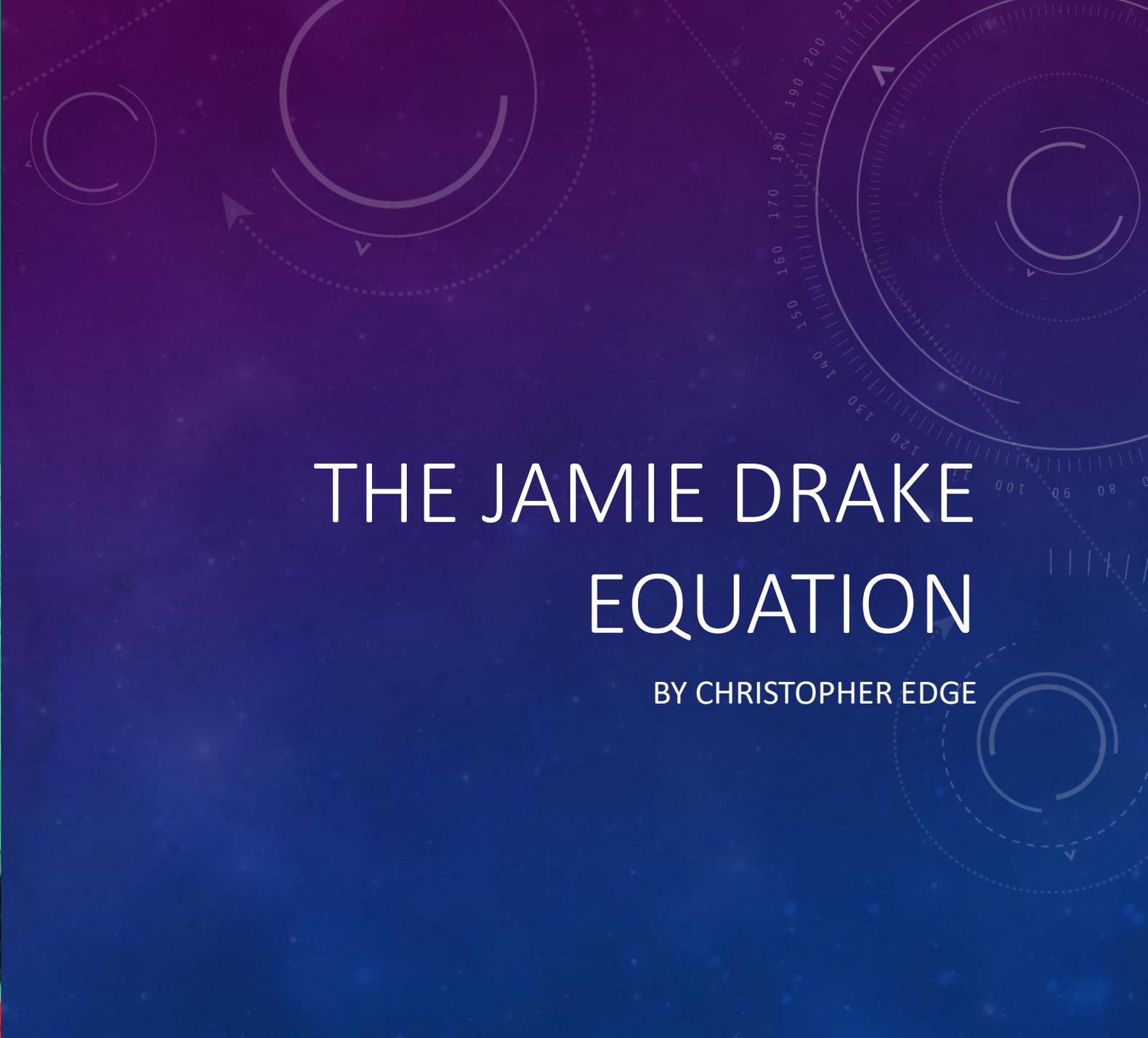
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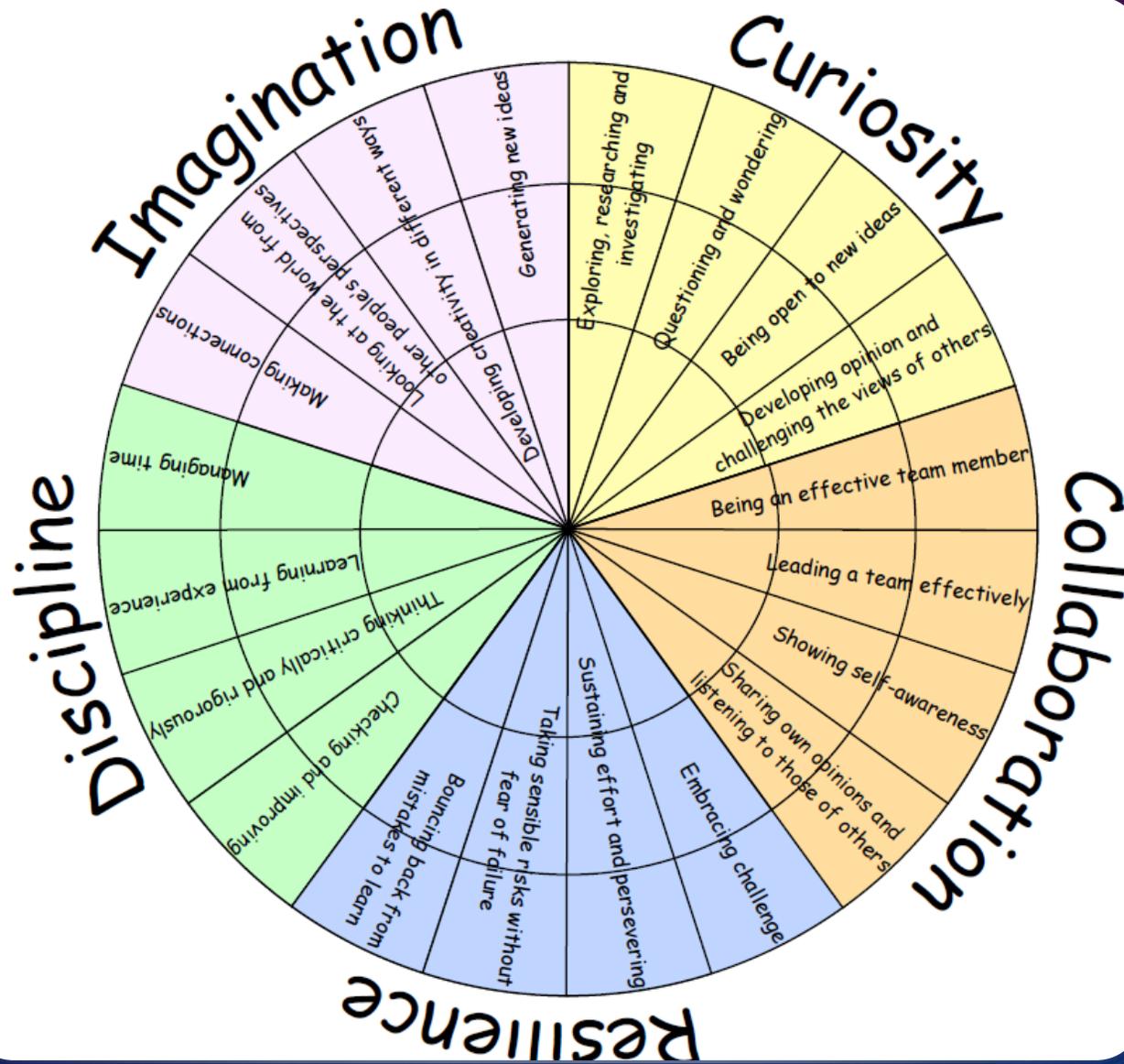


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# LEARNING HABITS



- What do you think is the most important Learning Habit?
- Is it one of your strengths or is it something you need to develop?
- How will you know that you have practised that Habit during the lesson?

# GRAMMAR GIANT (13VIII)

- I can use dashes to indicate parentheses

# DASHES

1. Find the dashes in each section. Don't mistake a dash for a hyphen (hyphens join to words together - there are no spaces either side of it).
2. Think carefully about what the author was aiming to do with the dashes.
3. What would the text be like if we removed the dashes and the words that follow them?

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1. The dashes are highlighted with black highlighter.
  2. The author is trying to add extra information that helps the reader to understand what he is trying to explain more clearly. The dash makes information clearer.
  3. Without these extra pieces of information, the reader might be left feeling confused, which wouldn't be good right at the start of a story!

# DASHES - WRITING YOUR OWN SENTENCES

Have a go at writing your own sentences after looking at my examples.

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1. A black hole is a collapsed star.
  2. A black hole is a collapsed star. Nothing can escape from it.
  3. A black hole is a collapsed star. Nothing can escape from it - not even light.
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1. A supernova is a star which explodes.
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# MODELLED WRITE



We want to include an idea of the theme of the book (space in *The Jamie Drake Equation*).



We want to practise writing an opening, introducing the character and their family.



There needs to be a birthday coming up for the main character (this happens in both this book and in *Maisie Day*).



There needs to be an event coming up when the major problem is going to occur.

