

## Key vocabulary and phrases

**Ridge-** a long, narrow hilltop, mountain range, or watershed

**Crevice-**  
a narrow opening or fissure, especially in a rock or wall.

**Tranquil-** free from disturbance; calm

**Balance-** an even distribution of weight enabling someone or something to remain upright and steady.

**Serene-** calm, peaceful, and untroubled; tranquil.

**Crag-** a steep or rugged cliff or rock face.

**Wilderness-** an uncultivated, uninhabited, and inhospitable region.

**Clamber-** climb or move in an awkward and laborious way, typically using both hands and feet.

**Secluded-** a place not seen or visited by many people; sheltered and private.



## Year 5 & 6 Autumn 1: English Learning Organiser The Ridge.

**Starring:** Danny MacAskill

**Themes:** Courage, beautiful scenery, action, wilderness, skill and bravery.

### Context

Located on the Isle of Skye (Danny's home on the west coast of Scotland) the ridge is infamous for its jagged trails, wild weather and dramatic climbing route up the "Inaccessible Pinnacle". The film is accompanied by a rousing soundtrack by Martyn Bennett.

**Genre:** A short sports action film

**Setting:** West Coast of Scotland.

**Useful links:** This video and many others are available on his website:  
<https://www.dannymacaskill.co.uk/>

## Main characters

**Danny –** Danny is a mountain bike rider who performs amazing tricks in incredible places to inspire others and challenge himself.

**The bike –** Danny has a full suspension mountain bike that helps him on his big day out.



## Writing focus

To use the awe inspiring setting and incredible action to inspire a variety of writing styles, including a descriptive setting, emotive language and writing that builds tension and suspense.