Work with a partner if possible. Answer as many questions as you can.

There will probably be a few words you need to look up. Decide which ones you really need to help with your understanding of the paragraphs.

1. Have a **quick** look – what do you think the article is about?
2. Who wrote @Holy Sh\*t: A Brief History of Swearing?
3. What is the technical term for words like *we, our, ourselves*? (Bonus question – can you think of a few more examples?)
4. At what age does the average toddler learn their first swear word?
5. How old is the word *fart?* (bonus question – were words like sh\*t, ass and fart thought of as more rude or less rude than they are today?)
6. If you were a Roman, what was worse – to be gay or to be passive? (Bonus idea to consider – what do you think of this?)
7. Find a synonym for the phrase ‘useless swearing’ in paragraph 5. Use a dictionary if it will help.
8. How does swearing affect our bodies?
9. What are some of the uses of swearing? Name 2 from the article. Can you think of any more?