

Railhead**Answers**

1. They did not mind them very much (as long as they did not always steal from the same shop) because the bazar was a good place to have a shop.
2. They came from space/the asteroid belt. They were mined in space.
3. It says that he 'wasn't usually so ambitious' and gives examples of smaller things he stole.
4. Because he had a headset on and was watching some kind of video directly into his eye.
5. He managed to blend into the crowd without being seen.
6. It says that he took it before he had had a chance to think about it in the line 'before Zen's brain knew what his fingers were planning'.
7. It states that she called his name, but he thinks he has misheard her because she could not have known his name, which suggests they haven't met before.
8. They have rotors; they make a fluttering sound; they are like a kind of insect (May bug); they are 'sleek and serious and military looking'; they are covered in neon reflections; they have laser 'eyes'; they may have weapons underneath.
9. It can change colour to disguise him in his surroundings and camouflage him.
10. It suggests he feels happy because he can hear the train, perhaps because it is a means of escape. 'Song' suggests it is a pleasant sound.
11. The use of drones.
The setting in space.
The unusual terms such as 'lathi sticks'.
The headset with video direct into the eye.
12. He is 'low' because he steals, which is not usually a good characteristic and it also says he is dishonest. It may also mean he does not have much power and is low in status. However, he is also heroic because he is daring and manages to escape despite guards and military-looking drones which try to capture him. We get the impression of someone who is caught in a bad situation and has to do bad things to survive in the world of the future.

