

Mrs Collins' Helpful Hints and Resources



War of Words!



screeched	encased	fled
fierce	distorted	stifling
desperate	groaned	torso
cautiously	eager	looming
grasping	trembled	pounding

War of Words Text

The wind, like a fierce howling beast, ripped its way through the open marshland. In the bitter, distant air, birds screeched. Alone, a small boy, ignoring the birds' desperate cries, ran towards the graveyard. Cautiously, yet effortlessly, he climbed over the wall that encased the crooked church and the graves it held within. With every step the boy took towards the grave, the trees groaned and creaked. The ice cold winds whispered their warnings, the trees trembled and the birds' eager cries could be heard once more. Looming like a distorted torso, an old oak tree stared into the boy's very soul. With his heart pounding, suddenly desperate to leave this place, the boy fled. "Aaaghhh!" Grasping his throat and stifling his screams, a pale hand tightened its grip on the boy.

Tuesday- Predicting Meanings

Reading Skills:

- Find a root word- do you recognise the word? Is it a compound word?
- Put the unfamiliar word in a sentence- use synonyms to see if they mean the same
- Work out the meaning of the word in context- read around the word
- What job does the word do in the sentence? What word class is the word? - is it an adjective, which gives you more information about the noun?

Definitions and Synonyms Grid

Word	Definition	Synonyms
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Thursday- Writing Features

Expanded Noun Phrases

Precise verb choices

An elegant bird **tweeted** as it **fluttered its beautiful wings** and **soared** across **the clear blue sky**.

An elegant bird **with beautiful wings** that **fluttered tweeted** as it **soared** across **the clear blue sky**.

Personification

Similes

The clear blue sky welcomed this elegant creature and was delighted by the bird's elegance. Like a magnificent firework, the bird continued to fly through the air with impressive speed.

Fronted Adverbials- adverbials give us more information about the verb. They tell us how, when or where.

ISPACE- can help us remember different ways to start sentences. This will help our writing to link and flow.

I - 'ing' - **Sitting** on the cold steps, the small girl cried.

S- simile - **Sadder than a rainy day**, the lonely girl sobbed.

P- preposition- **Next** to the towering buildings, the small girl sat and sobbed.

A- adverb- **Quietly**, the girl sobbed and could not stop her tears.

C- conjunction- **As** the lonely girl sobbed, the bright sunshine meant nothing to her.

E- 'ed' - **Dejected** and lonely, the small girl sat on the cold steps and sobbed.

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Friday- Let's Get Writing

