



Year 4: Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau

Useful information

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Other books	On a Beam of Light; Calvin Can't Fly



Figurative Language

simile	a comparison using 'like' or 'as' The water flexed like an angry guard .
metaphor	a comparison using 'is' The storm is a menacing machine .
alliteration	the repetition of a letter or sound The sail boat billowed and bounced .
personification	giving something non-human, human characteristics The water screamed as it hit the shore.

Vocabulary

manfish	a person with the characteristics of a fish
blueprints	a plan or print to show how something works or needed to build
allowance	money given to someone on a regular basis; the total amount of something that you are allowed
aqualung	a piece of breathing equipment used by divers
villainous	a person who is very bad and willing to harm others
camouflage	the way some animals are coloured and shaped so they cannot be seen easily
anticipation	the feeling of excitement about something you know will happen
miraculously	an event that is surprising or unexpected
interchangeable	things that can be exchanged with each other without making any real difference
toiled	working very hard doing an unpleasant task
contribution	to help create something or make something successful
intrigued	something that interests you; you want to know more about it

Grammar, Punctuation and Language Features

pronouns	replaces a noun to avoid repetition (I, me, my, you, he, she, they, them, it)	Before <u>Tom</u> dived in, he gazed at the water.
fronted adverbial	words/phrases at the beginning of a sentence, used to describe the action that follows (with comma!)	Next, In the distance,
direct speech	the exact words spoken, written using inverted commas (" ") punctuation (? . ! ,) goes inside the inverted commas	"Come on," said Didi, "you'll never breathe underwater."
indirect speech	summary of what someone has said is reported, without writing the exact speech	Didi said I would never breathe underwater.
dashes	used to separate clauses, mark an afterthought or add extra information	He leapt into the freezing water - big mistake .
homophones	words that sound the same but are different in meaning	there, their, they're

Focus writing

Invention narrative	A story where a character invents something in order to do something amazing, such as visit another world.
Biography	A non-fiction account or report of someone's life, usually telling the reader amazing things that have been achieved.

