



Reception: The Storm Whale  
Part A

Grammar	
capital letters for the start of a sentence and people's names.	used to begin a sentence <i>So</i> off he went.
full stop	used at the end of a sentence Noi was alone.
question mark	used to ask a question Will you be my friend?
exclamation mark	used for emphasis Goodness me!
personal pronoun	used in place of a person's name <i>I, he, she</i>
time adverbials	a word used to express time: Narrative: <i>next, suddenly, eventually</i>
repeated language	<i>'They rowed and they rowed and they rowed'.</i>
tricky words (learn to read and spell by sight)	my, they, all, are

Writing Purpose: To tell and write a 'friendship' story	
Writing elements of the teaching sequence.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plan and tell their own version</li> <li>2. Write a word for each section of their story</li> <li>3. Write a sentence for each section of their story</li> <li>4. Write two sentences for each section of their story</li> <li>5. Write their own version of the story.</li> </ol>

Phrases from story text and model text	
Children will become very familiar with these phrases and use them in the oral retelling of the story, reading and writing	
<i>a great storm</i>	<i>stare in disbelief</i>
<i>in the distance</i>	<i>a fierce storm</i>
<i>could not believe his eyes</i>	<i>feel at home</i>
<i>the night was drawing in</i>	<i>the right thing</i>
<i>kept his secret safe</i>	

Vocabulary – definitions and synonyms	
<i>synonyms are words with the same meaning (or almost the same meaning)</i>	
raged	to feel very angry <i>to be furious</i>
shore	the land along the edge of the sea <i>coast, beach</i>
washed up	something that has come from the sea onto the shore
wondered	to want to know something <i>pondered</i>
belonged	to feel part of something. Eg. to belong to a family <i>a member of</i>
sneak	to move around carefully <i>creep</i>
fierce	to be powerful and scary <i>wild, ferocious</i>
vast	very big <i>huge, wide</i>
pelting	rain that falls quickly and heavily <i>attacking</i>
interesting	something that makes you want to know more about it <i>fascinating</i>

Useful Information	
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