Year 4: The Whale

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

rickety	shaky, unsteady, dilapidated
ominous	threatening, menacing, sinister
unkempt	untidy, messy, dishevelled
elusive	difficult to find, catch or achieve
billowed	shouted
quest	search, hunt, pursuit
torrents	flood, cascade, spate
tormented	torture, afflict, plague, distress

Useful information

Author	Vita and Ethan Murrow
Year	2015
Other books	Power to the Princess; High five to the Hero



Grammar, Punctuation and Language Features

noun phrase	group of words describe the noun (determiner + adjective + noun)	a rickety boat the adventurous girl
fronted adverbial	words/phrases at the beginning of a sentence, used to describe the action that follows (with comma!)	All of a sudden, Without warning, Under the fragile boat,
preposition	tell you where a noun is in relation to another noun (the position!)	across, under, above, next to
pronoun	replaces a noun to avoid repetition (I, me, my, you, he, she, they, them, it)	Tom ran on the beach and he gazed at the water.
apostrophe for possession	singular noun - add ' and s plural noun ending in s - add '	the cliff's edge the eyes' sockets
direct speech " "	the exact words spoken, written using inverted commas (" ") punctuation (? . ! ,) goes inside the inverted commas	"It's cold," he complained. "What's for tea?" she asked.

Focus Writing

Setting description	The setting is the environment your characters are in. The location, time and weather should all be described in this story.
News report	A formal type of writing, designed to give people information about what is happening in the world.