A Bagful of Stars

(Addy Farmer, adapted by Catherine Woolley)

We're **sailing** to Christmas Island, _____* and _____* and me,

> Vestibular: row your boat with another learner.   * insert names of learners.

With **tinsel** and **presents** and a bagful of **stars** to decorate the tree.

> Visual/tactile/proprioception: explore box/bag with tinsel, wrapped box, and star decorations.

Up with the sail, into the **wind,**

> Visual/proprioception: press switch to control fan. Blow white sheet/muslin in front.

away on the **sparkling** sea.

> Smell/taste: sea salt crystals.

Look at the dolphins,

> Visual: Dolphin puppet (hand or stick) moving to encourage visual tracking.

dipping and diving and beaming their big happy grins.

> Vestibular: move up and down like dolphins diving through the waves.

Call to the **mermaid,**

> Tactile: sequin cushion.

combing her hair and singing sweet songs to the fish.

> Tactile/proprioception: comb own hair with large tooth comb.
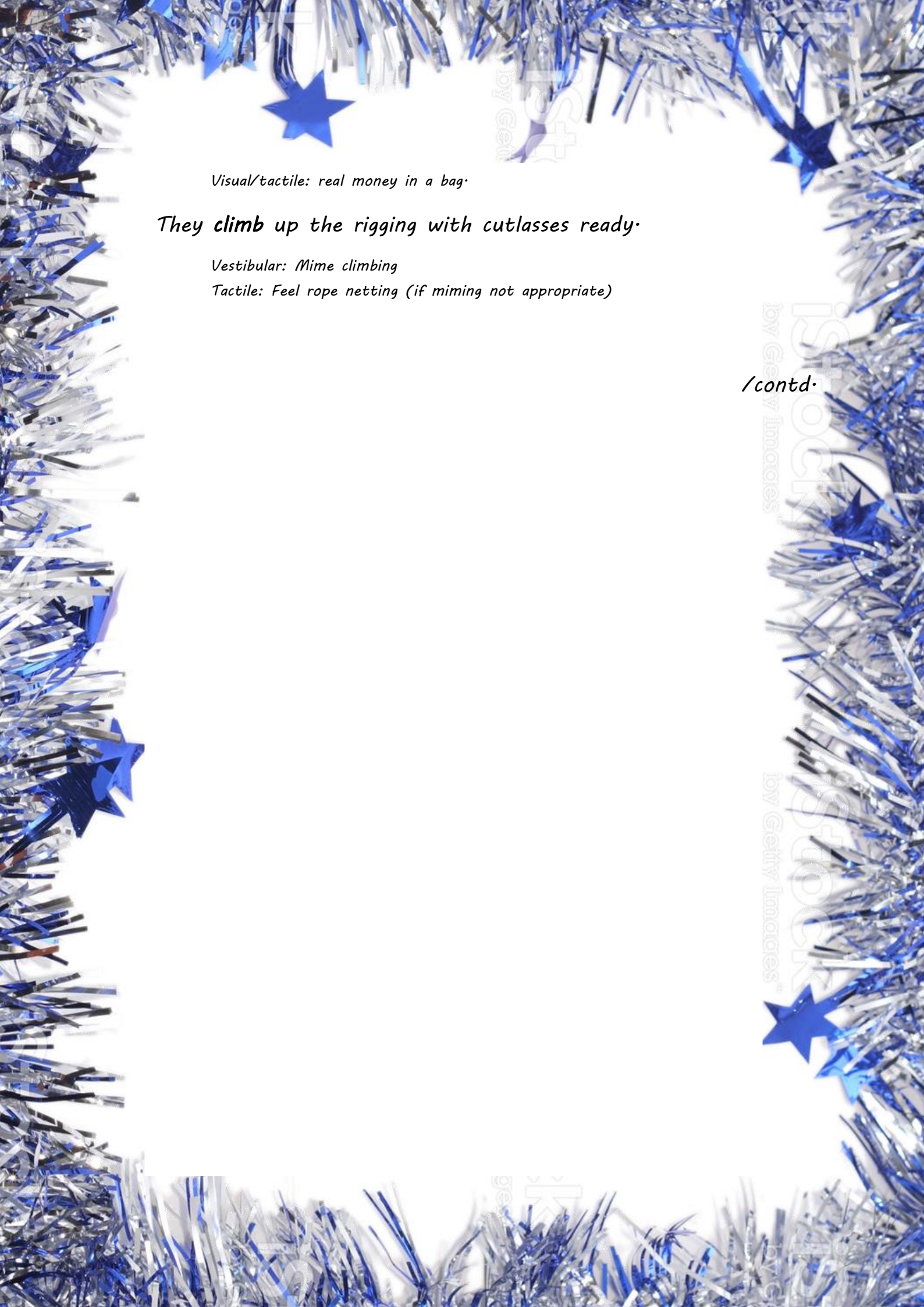
We talk to the **whale**

> Auditory: listen to whale song (on a switch).

then slipping and sliding, rise up on its **water** spout.

> Tactile: Spray water spray above learners' heads.

We spy some pirates looking for **treasure,**

Visual/tactile: real money in a bag.

They **climb** up the rigging with cutlasses ready.

Vestibular: Mime climbing

Tactile: Feel rope netting (if miming not appropriate)

At last! We're here on Christmas Island.
The beach is so long and the **sand** is so soft

Tactile/proprioception: put feet/hands in tray of sand.

We **peep into our bags** but, oh no! what do we see?
No stars, or tinsel, or presents for the tree.

Visual/proprioception: open empty bag and look in.

Look at me! Sings the mermaid, **Look at me!** Squeaks the dolphin
Look at me! Spouts the whale, **Look at me!** Roar the pirates

Auditory/proprioception: switch with "Look at me!" recorded onto it.

Everyone's on Christmas Island with _____* and _____* and me,
With tinsel and presents and a bagful of stars to **decorate** the tree.

Tactile/proprioception: hang decorations onto a small Christmas tree.