

## Idiom of the Week!

'You can say that again!'

I agree, that's true.



## Poem of the Week!

*You do not have to complete any work on this week's poem but please let us know what you think? What does it mean?*

***What Are Heavy?*** by Christina Rossetti

*What are heavy? Sea-sand and sorrow:  
What are brief? Today and tomorrow:  
What are frail? Spring blossoms and youth:  
What are deep? The ocean and truth.*

# This Week's Spellings



You are expected to learn these through the week.  
You can use a variety of methods.

although	question
<b>B</b> eowulf	mention
surprise	heart
didn't	strange
we're	caught

Focus on the parts  
of the words that  
you are finding  
difficult and let us  
know if you need  
any help.

# Extra Spellings!



If the previous spellings are too difficult, or if you don't  
know any of these words, please also learn these.

after	
climb	friend
only	move
mainy	kind
house	

## Friday 22nd January Spelling Dictation



We normally read this out in class. However, if this is not possible, use the passage with gaps included that is attached.

*Although Beowulf was prepared for surprises, he didn't expect such a strange event to occur. Hesitantly and carefully, he approached the forest with only one question. Was the beast caught? His heart pounded to a new beat and his head was full of fog. However, we're going to conquer this beast once and for all he thought and it would never be mentioned again.*

## Handwriting!

Please write the joins and words below and try to write your own sentence that contains these.

*ba*

*we*

*badly*

*weather*

# Pre-Teach Words

*Please become confident in these words and use them within your writing.*

**Grendel** (n) - the monster

**Beowulf** (n) - the main character/protagonist

**Hrothgar** (n) - the King

**gruesome** (adj) - nasty/ugly

**Heorot** (n) - the great hall

**monumental** (adj) - huge

**warrior** (n) - experienced fighter

**callous** (adj) - insensitive and cruel

## Spread the Word!

Creating exciting phrases is difficult without wonderful words.

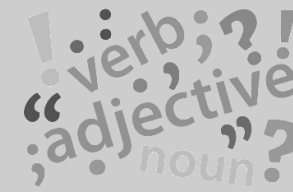
First, we need to be clear what nouns and adjectives are. How many can you find?

We will add them to our 'Word Wall' to start building our vocabulary and to spread the word!



## SPAG Review

### Synonyms and Adverbs



A few weeks ago, we learned that adverbs don't just end in -ly. To start, let's review some of the simplest adverbs that do end in ly.

callously	carefully	discreetly	warily	deafeningly
vigilantly	noisily	monstrously	shrilly	helpfully
lovingly	brutally	politely	spitefully	selflessly
thoughtfully	viciously	hastily	speedily	briskly
swiftly	hurriedly	noiselessly	silently	calmly

Let's think about which of these words we could use to describe Beowulf or Grendel.

## SPAG Review

### Synonyms and Adverbs



After what you have learned about Grendel and Beowulf, which adjectives could best describe each character?

**Beowulf**

**Grendel**

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## Learning Objective

Today we are learning to describe the characters of Beowulf or Grendel

## To be successful...

- I can describe a character's appearance.
- I can describe a character's thoughts, feelings and actions.
- I can use the sentence and language features discussed in my character description.
- I can create a specific feeling for a reader.

## Describing Characters



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- What is your character's name, how old are they and what do they do? What are they known for?
- What does your character look like? Think about his/her hair, eyes, size.
- What kind of person is your character? Are they funny, happy, angry? Do they have any hobbies?
- Do they have any skills or special qualities?
- Is there anything extra ordinary about your character?

## Describing Characters

*skin like fish scales*

*a thin line of coarse, brown hair ran down his back.*

*huge, bulbous boils*

*green, slimy back bent, which made him crooked*



*powerful yet evil, strong yet reliable*

## Describing Characters

*courageous  
intrepid  
bold  
daring  
gallant  
undaunted  
adventurous*



*his blonde hair hung  
proudly like a lion's  
mane*

*brave, reliable  
warrior*

*holding up his boots  
were thick coils of  
strong, brown rope*

*brave, brave because  
of his ability to lead  
and challenge violent  
threats*

## Describing Characters



Courageous and bold, brave and daring, Beowulf was known far and wide. Hanging from his chiseled face, was long locks of blone hair. It was like a lion's mane. Each of his boots, which were made of leather, were held up with coils of strong, brown rope. Moreover, he often confidently held a sharp sword and brutal axe to protect himself from the vicious Grendel.



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## Character Description



*Main Task - Please write a short character description and try to include the following.*

- Simile
- adjectives (rule of three, 2a or ad, same ad)
- noun, which sentence
- conjunctions - although, as, however, moreover,
- -ing opener (hanging, laying, sitting, crouching)
- Quality adverbs (spitefully)