Year 4 Writing Challenge 10 Holding On



Talking Pictures

How does the boy feel? What can he see? What other creatures might he come across on his underwater adventure?

Take the Writing Challenge - use one of the story starter sentences to start your story, if you cannot think of your own.

Writing Challenge

It was the most exciting ride ever! Even better than the highest, fastest rollercoaster!

The boy held on to the fish's tail with both hands as it rocketed through the water. Its scales felt slimy and slippery, yet his grip remained strong.

The warm water whipped against his cheeks as they raced along; the sand from the seabed tickling his toes. Where was the fish taking him? He couldn't wait to find out!

Spelling Year3/4 Word List

The following words are from the Year 3/4 spelling list. Use some of the different strategies we discussed at the beginning of the year to learn how to spell the word – pyramid, diamond, mnemonics, pictures etc and write an extended sentence to include each word. You could then try the Growth Mindset Challenge. Give it a go!

Growth Mindset Challenge - Can you write a story that includes all the words? SET 9 breathe early heard naughty promise although

Find the mistakes and Extend a sentence

Uncorrected Text:

Koko the gorilla



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Extended sentences

How can you improve this basic sentence?

The gorilla cuddled.

- a) How did the gorilla cuddle?
- b) What did the gorilla cuddle?
- c) Where did the gorilla cuddle?
- d) When did the gorilla cuddle?
- e) Why did the gorilla cuddle?

Write your new complete sentence below.

Answer Key:

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