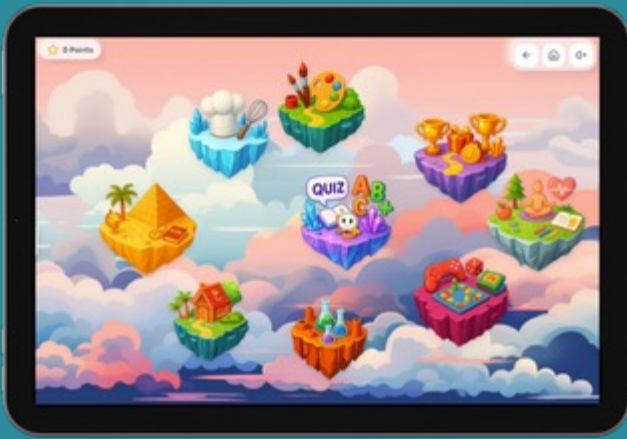


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Imagery, Symbol & Connotation - Foundation-Year 2

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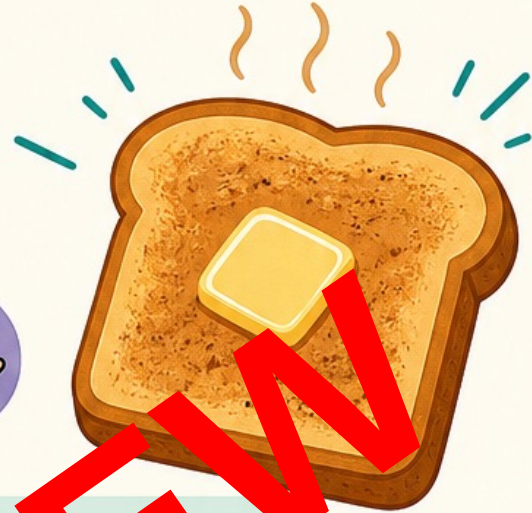


THE MEANING MAKERS

Imagery • Symbols • Word Mood

IMAGERY

Words that help us see, hear, smell, taste or feel.



The warm cinnamon toast crackled.

SYMBOL

Something that stands for a bigger idea.



key = solution



rainbow = hope



heart = care

CONNOTATION

The feeling a word carries.



What clue helped you?



SENSE SPOTTER

Name: _____

1. The lemon smelled sharp and fresh.

SEE HEAR SMELL TASTE TOUCH



2. The drum boomed across the hall.

SEE HEAR SMELL TASTE TOUCH



3. The puppy's fur felt soft and warm.

SEE HEAR SMELL TASTE TOUCH



4. The popcorn tasted salty and buttery.

SEE HEAR SMELL TASTE TOUCH



5. The silver puddle glittered in the sun.

SEE HEAR SMELL TASTE TOUCH



Write one imagery sentence about rain:

Sense words help readers imagine.

SENSE SPOTTER

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SEE HEAR **SMELL** TASTE TOUCH



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SEE **HEAR** SMELL TASTE TOUCH



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SEE HEAR SMELL TASTE **TOUCH**



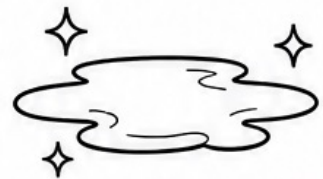
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SEE HEAR SMELL **TASTE** TOUCH



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Write one imagery sentence about rain:

Cold rain tapped softly on the window.

Sense words help readers imagine.

COLOUR AND MOOD LAB

Name: _____

Look at each scene. Match it to a mood.



PREVIEW

Mood choices:
cheerful **lonely** **tense**

1. Write the mood beside each scene.

A: _____ B: _____ C: _____

2. Underline the colour word that gives the strongest clue in each scene.

3. Explain one match.

The scene feels _____ because _____

Colour choices can change how a scene feels.

COLOUR AND MOOD LAB

Name: ANSWERS

Look at each scene. Match it to a mood.



Mood choices:
cheerful **lonely** **tense**

1. Write the mood beside each scene.

A: cheerful B: lonely C: tense

2. Underline the colour word that gives the strongest clue in each scene.

3. Explain one match.

The scene feels lonely because the grey clouds and empty swing seem quiet.

Colour choices can change how a scene feels.

SYMBOL DETECTIVE

Name: _____

A symbol is a picture or object that can carry an extra meaning.

Match each symbol to a meaning. Write the letter on the line.

1. key



2. rainbow



A. hope

B. connection

C. car

D. solution

3. heart



4. bridge



Draw a symbol for friendship.

My symbol is _____.

It means _____

because _____

Look for clues in the picture and the story.

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Name: ANSWERS

A symbol is a picture or object that can carry an extra meaning.

Match each symbol to a meaning. Write the letter on the line.

1. key



D

2. rainbow



A

3. heart



C

4. bridge



B

A. hope

B. connection

C. car

D. solution

Draw a symbol for friendship.



My symbol is linked hands.

It means friendship.

because friends connect and care for each other.

Look for clues in the picture and the story.

SIMILE BUILDER

Name: _____

A simile compares two things using like or as.

Choose from the word bank to complete each simile.

WORD BANK

cotton

thunder

a mirror

a tiny seed

1. The cloud was as fluffy as _____.



2. The bell was as loud as _____.



3. The pond shone like _____.



4. My daisy grew like _____.



Circle the two comparison words:

like

as

and

because

Make your own simile.

A simile helps a reader picture an idea.

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Circle the two comparison words:

like

as

and

because

Make your own simile.

The moon glowed like a silver lamp.

A simile helps a reader picture an idea.

WORD MOOD SWITCH

Name: _____

Words can give a sentence a positive, negative or neutral feeling.
Circle the word that best creates the target mood.

1. **CHEERFUL**

The puppy (trotted / crept) into the sunny room.



2. **TENSE**

The wind (whispered / shrieked) outside.



3. **SAFE**

Mia held the (warm / heavy) blanket.



4. **CURIOS**

The path led to a (secret / dangerous) garden.



Switch the mood. Rewrite "The rain fell."

PEACEFUL

TENSE

Word choices change the feeling, not the main event.

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PEACEFUL

Gentle rain whispered against the leaves.

TENSE

Cold rain hammered the dark roof.

Word choices change the feeling, not the main event.

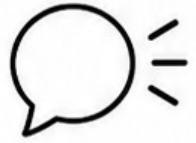
SOUND SPARKS

Name: _____

Alliteration repeats the same starting sound.

Circle the line with alliteration.

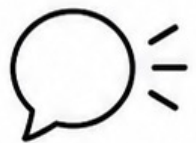
1. brave birds bounce
brave cats bounce



2. silent frogs slide
silent snakes slide



3. happy hippos hop
happy rabbits hop



4. tiny puppies tiptoe
tiny turtles tiptoe



Write your own alliteration line about a feeling.

Feeling: happy sad excited calm

My line:

Listen for the same starting sound.

SOUND SPARKS

Name: ANSWERS

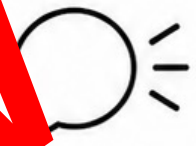
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Write your own alliteration line about a feeling.

Feeling: happy sad excited calm

My line:

Calm cats cuddle.

Listen for the same starting sound.

MOOD MATCH MEMORY

CARDS A

Cut out the cards. Match each clue to the feeling it creates. Explain your evidence.



sunny picnic

excited



stormy window

calm



soft blanket

worried



cracked mirror

cheerful



bright balloon

safe



tiny whisper

uneasy



MOOD MATCH MEMORY

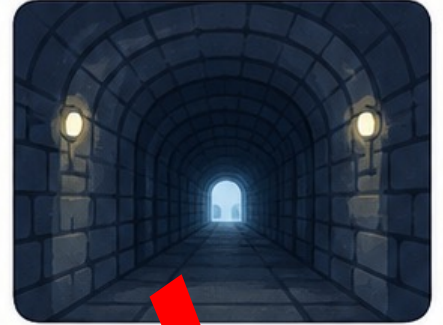
CARDS B

Cut out the cards. Match each clue to the feeling it creates. Explain your evidence.



golden sunrise

hopeful



dark tunnel

nervous



open door

curious



gentle rain

peaceful



jagged lightning

scared



shared umbrella

cared for



SENSE & SYMBOL STORY TRAIL



HOW TO PLAY

1. Roll and move.
2. Draw a prompt card.
3. Name a sense clue or explain the symbol.
4. Use the clue in a sentence.

First to FINISH wins!

STORY TRAIL PROMPT CARDS

Cut out the cards. Read a card that matches your space.

SEE



Name three colours.

HEAR



Add a sound word.

SMELL



Describe a scent.

TASTE



Describe a flavour.

TOUCH



Describe a texture.

SYMBOL



What could a key mean?

SYMBOL



What could a rainbow mean?

MOOD



Make the scene cheerful.

MOOD



Make the scene tense.

WILD



Use a simile.

WILD



Use alliteration.

WILD



Tell what happens next.

WORDLESS STORY STUDIO

THE TINY SEED

Cut out all eight cards. Put them in story order. Tell the story with sense words.



WORDLESS STORY STUDIO

THE TINY SEED

Put the pictures in story order. Tell the story using imagery, symbols and mood words.



THE MYSTERY KITE ASSESSMENT 1

Name: _____

Look closely at the scene. Use clues to explain its meaning.



1. Write two sensory clues you notice.

2. Circle the mood.

hopeful

worried

excited

3. What could the key symbolise?

4. Which detail gives the strongest mood clue? Explain.

Use a detail from the scene in every answer.

THE MYSTERY KITE ASSESSMENT 1

Name: _____ **ANSWERS**

Look closely at the scene. Use clues to explain its meaning.



1. Write two senses that you notice.

I see the kite in the tree. I hear the wind rush past.

2. Circle the mood.

hopeful

worried

excited

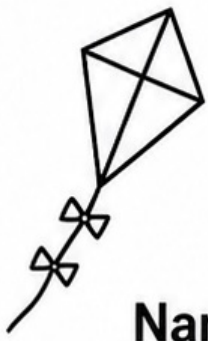
3. What could the key symbolise?

The key could symbolise a solution or a new chance.

4. Which detail gives the strongest mood clue? Explain.

The rainbow is the strongest clue because it suggests hope after trouble.

Use a detail from the scene in every answer.



ASSESSMENT 2

CREATE MEANING



Name: _____

Imagine what happens next in The Mystery Kite.

Write 4–5 sentences. Include:

☐ one sense detail

☐ one symbol

☐ one mood word

☐ one simile or alliteration

PLAN

My symbol: _____ mood: _____

It means: _____ Strong words: _____

MY WRITING

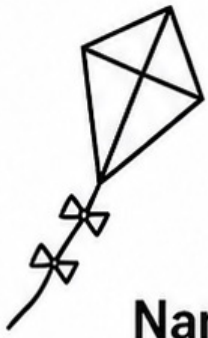
PREVIEW

CHECK

☐ My ideas link to the scene.

☐ I used capital letters and full stops.

Make every detail help the reader imagine and feel.



ASSESSMENT 2

CREATE MEANING



Name: ANSWERS

Imagine what happens next in The Mystery Kite.

Write 4–5 sentences. Include:

☒ one sense detail	☒ one symbol
☒ one mood word	☒ one simile or alliteration

PLAN

My symbol: key I feel hopeful

It means: a solution Strong words: cold as ice

MY WRITING

Leo lifted the silver key.
It felt as cold as ice in his hand.
The key seemed to promise a solution.
A soft wind whispered while the rainbow brightened.
Leo felt hopeful and followed the winding path.

CHECK

☒ My ideas link to the scene. ☒ I used capital letters and full stops.

Make every detail help the reader imagine and feel.

IMAGERY, SYMBOL AND WORD MOOD RUBRIC

Name: _____

Date: _____

CRITERIA	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	ACHIEVING	CONFIDENT	EXCEEDING
IMAGERY	Names one detail	Adds one sense word	Uses clear sensory detail	Uses varied sensory details	Uses vivid, precise imagery
SYMBOLS	Names an object	Suggests a meaning	Explains a symbol	Links the symbol to the story	Uses layered symbolic meaning
WORD MOOD	Uses a basic word	Chooses a mood word	Chooses words that build mood	Sustains mood with word choices	Shapes mood with precise connotation
LANGUAGE CRAFT	Tries a comparison or sound pattern	Uses like, as, or a repeated sound	Uses at least one similar word for repetition	Uses both accurately	Uses language craft for effect
MEANING AND CLARITY	Shares a brief idea	Gives one clue	Explains an idea with a clue	Connects several clues clearly	Gives a perceptive, detailed explanation

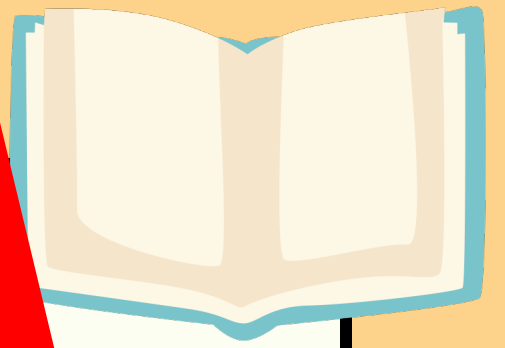
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Next step: _____

Images, Symbols & Connotation



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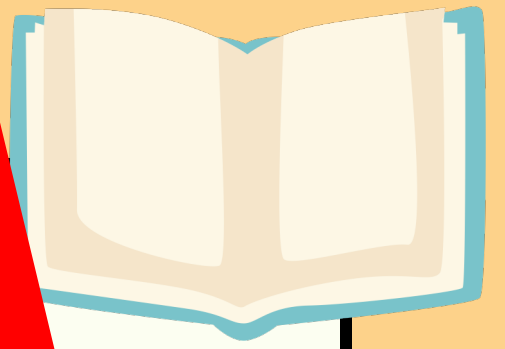


We are learning to:

- notice imagery that helps us see, hear, smell, taste or feel.
- explain what symbols may mean.
- choose words that create a mood.



What is imagery?



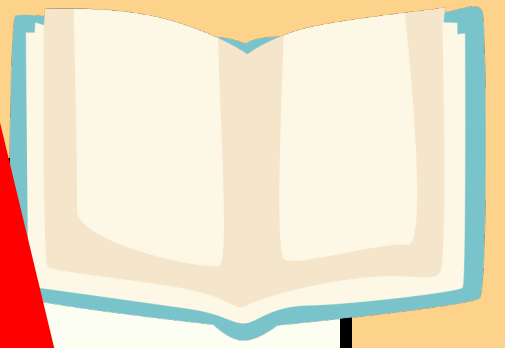
Imagery is language that helps us imagine a scene.

It shows how we might see, hear, smell, taste or touch.

Example: The rain tapped softly on the window.



Five senses



Sight: silver middle
Sound: kumiko drum

Smell: sharp onion

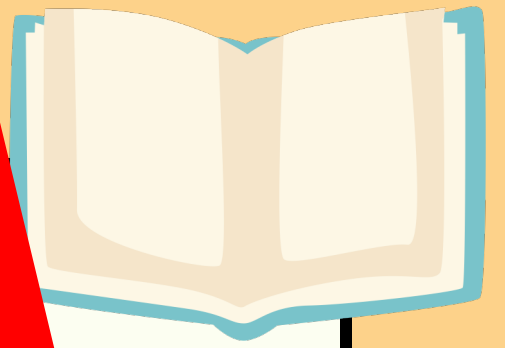
Taste: salty popcorn

Touch: warm puppy fur

Which clue is strongest for you?



Show, don't just tell



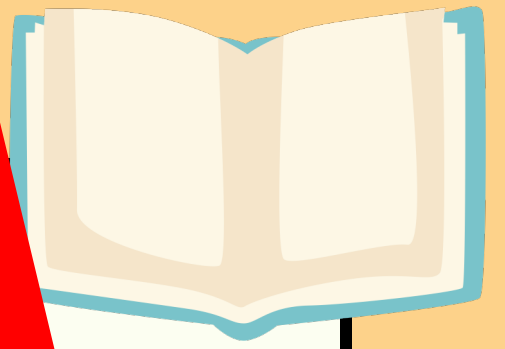
Telling: The park was nice.

Showing: Golden sunlight danced across bright flowers.

Showing uses precise details so the reader can picture the moment.



What is a symbol?



A symbol is an object or picture that carries an extra meaning.

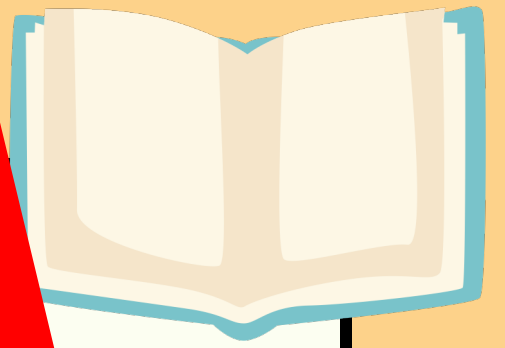
A key may suggest a solution.

A rainbow may suggest hope.

A heart may suggest care.



Symbols depend on context



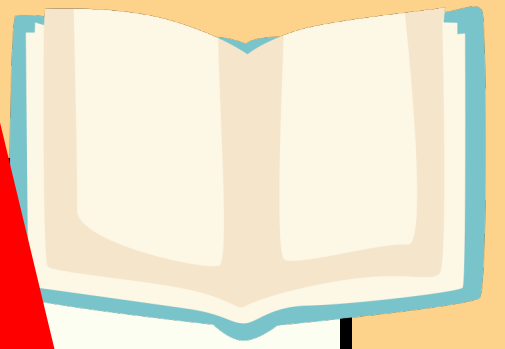
The same symbol can mean different things in different stories.

As

- What is happening?
 - How does the character feel?
- Which details support my idea?



Connotation: word mood



Connotation is the feeling a word carries.

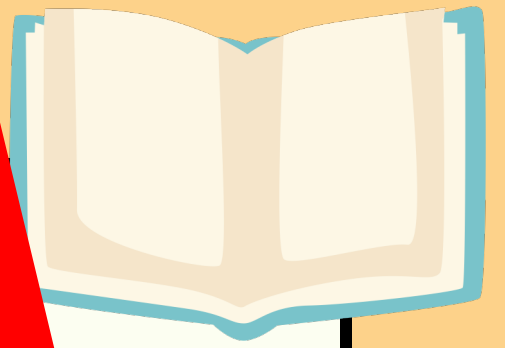
Words can sound positive, negative or neutral.

Example: secret garden / dangerous garden.

Both describe a garden, but the mood changes.



Switch the mood



CHEERFUL: the puppy trotted.

TENSE: the wind shrieked.

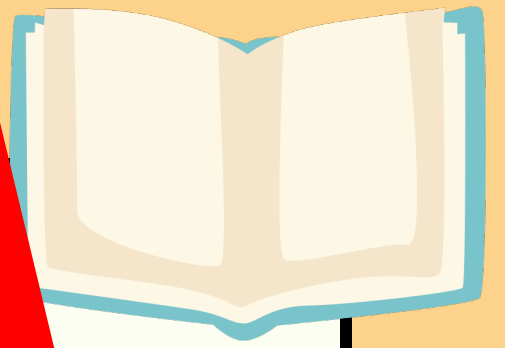
SAFE: the warm blanket.

SECRET: the secret garden.

Small word choices can switch the mood.



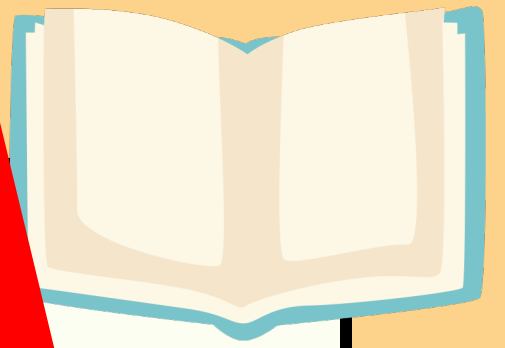
Colour and mood



Colours can hide mood.
Warm and bright can feel cheerful.
Cool and quiet may feel lonely.
Rough and jagged may feel tense.
Look for more than one clue.



Similes



A simile compares using like or as.

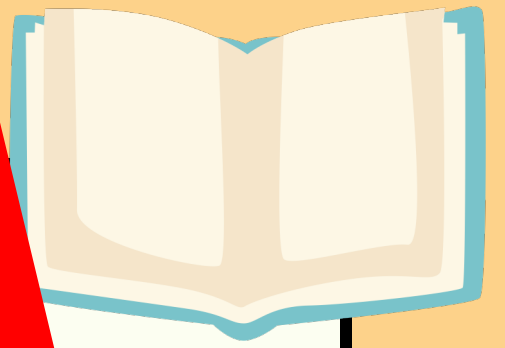
The cloud was as light as cotton.

The pond shone like a mirror.

Strong simile makes an idea easier to picture.



Alliteration



Alliteration repeats a starting sound.

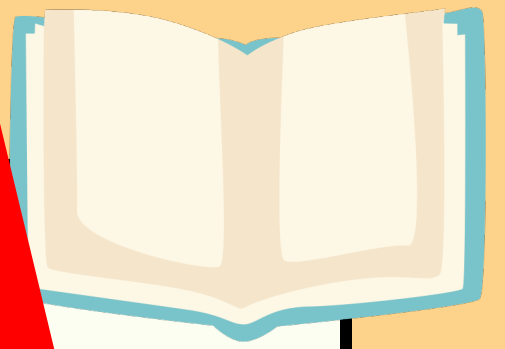
Five birds dance.

Silent snakes slide.

It's surprising to give a line rhythm and emphasis.



Wordless pictures tell stories



Pictures can tell a story without words.

Notice things in:

• character actions

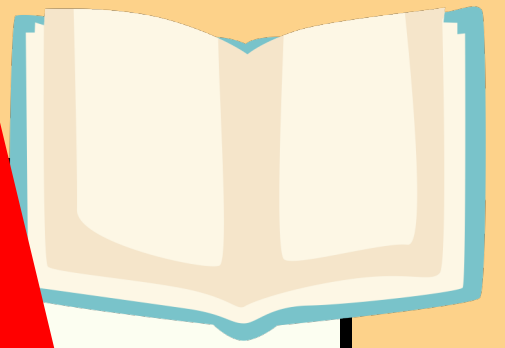
• setting and weather

• colour and symbols

Then place events in a sensible order.



Meaning detectives



Good meaning detectives

1. Notice a detail.

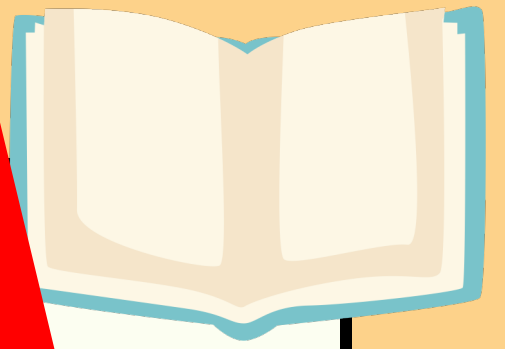
2. Name the mood or meaning.

3. Explain how the detail supports the idea.

4. Evidence makes an interpretation strong.



Guided practice: rainy playground



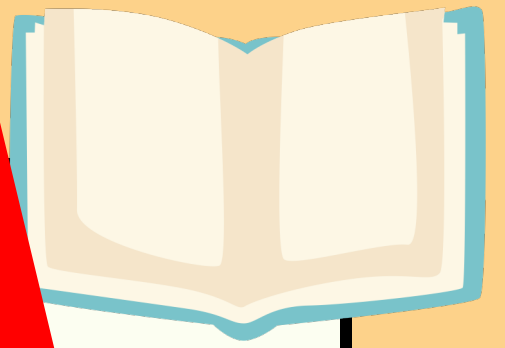
Scene: rain falling on an empty playground

Try to identify:

- one sensory detail
- one possible mood
- one symbol and meaning
- one word change that switches the mood



Create your own description



Create 3–4 sentences about a place

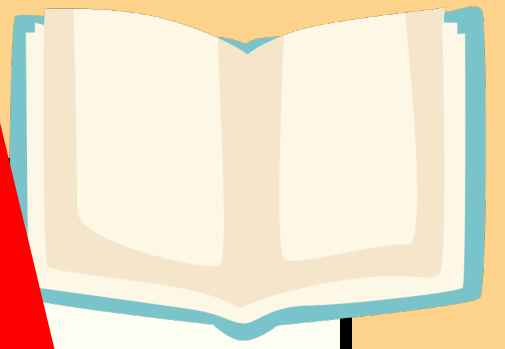
Include

- one sensory detail
- one symbol
- one mood word
- one simile or alliteration

Underline each feature when you finish.



Review



Can you show:

- find a synonym?
- explain a symbol?
- compare word moods?
- use a simile or alliteration?

Tell a partner one example.





PREVIEW

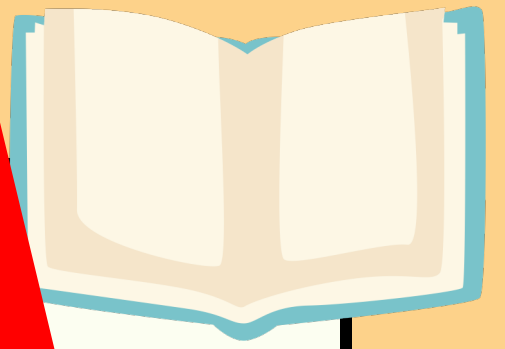
Well Done!



Image & Symbol & Comprehension Quiz



Question 1 – Imagery



Which sentence uses imagery?

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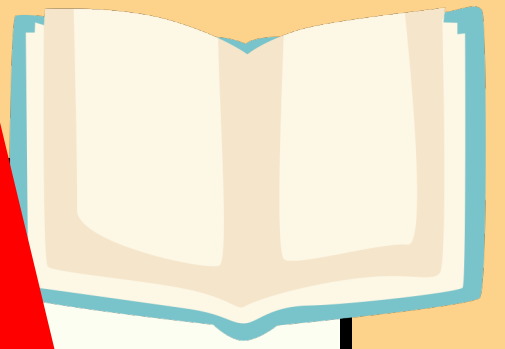
B. The old man might danced across bright flowers.

C. The child went outside.

D. It was sunny.



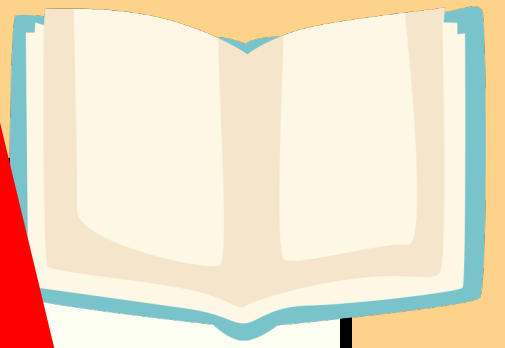
Answer 1



B. Goldensun danced across bright flowers.
The correct sight words help us picture the scene.



Question 2 – Senses



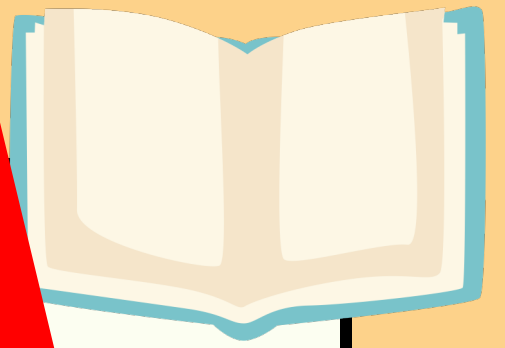
Which sense is longest?

Thunder boomed across the hall.

A. sight B. touch C. taste D. smell



Answer 2



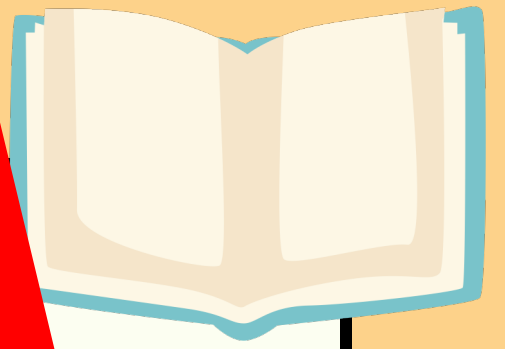
PREVIEW

B. sound

The word boom helps us hear the scene.



Question 3 – Symbols

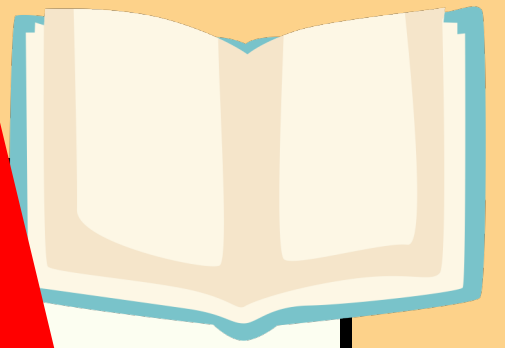


A rainbow appears after a storm. What might it symbolise?

A. hope B. danger C. hunger D. speed



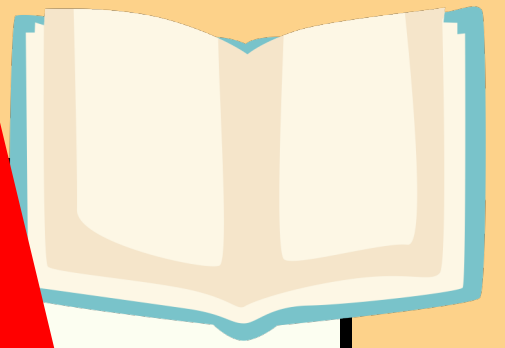
Answer 3



A. hope
The train now can suggest that trouble is ending.



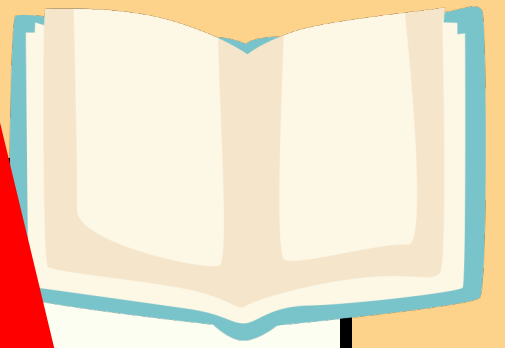
Question 4 – True or False



True or False?
A symbol can have different meanings in different stories.



Answer 4



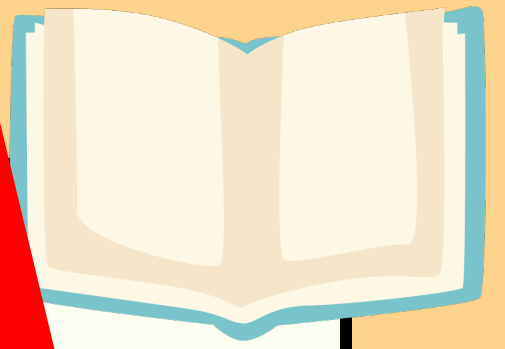
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True.

Context changes what a symbol may mean.



Question 5 – Word Mood

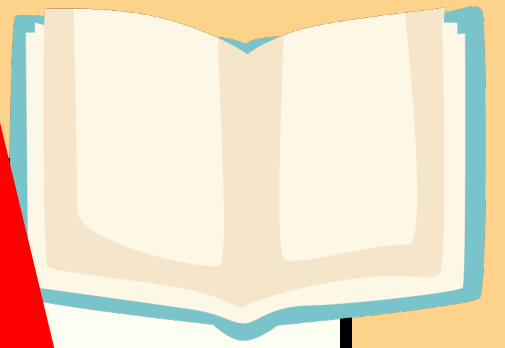


Which word makes this sentence feel tense?

The wind whistled / shrieked outside.



Answer 5



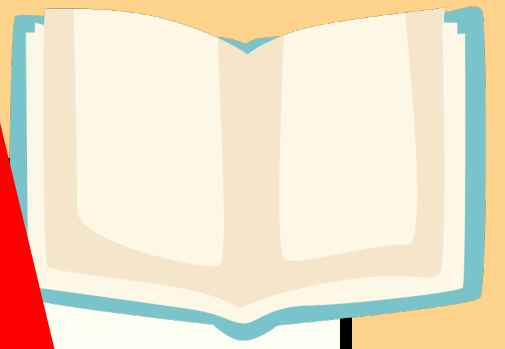
PREVIEW

shriek

It sounds so loud and frightening.



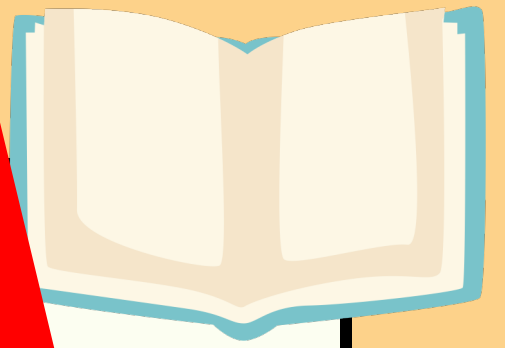
Question 6 – Colour and Mood



Which mood best matches grey clouds, an empty swing and quiet rain?
A. cheerful B. lonely C. excited D. angry



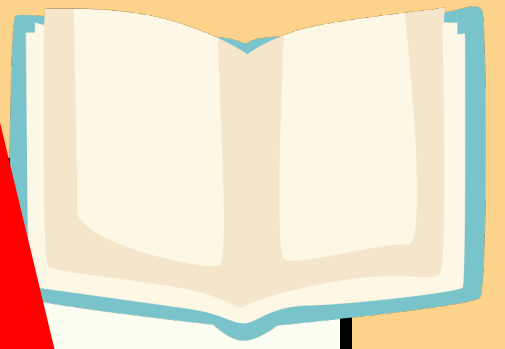
Answer 6



B. long
The grey, empty and quiet details work together.



Question 7 – Simile

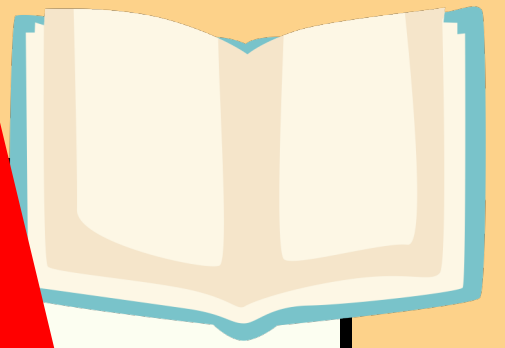


Which sentence is a simile?

- A. The cloud was soft.
- B. The cloud was as fluffy as cotton.
- C. The cloud moved.
- D. The cloud crossed the sky.



Answer 7

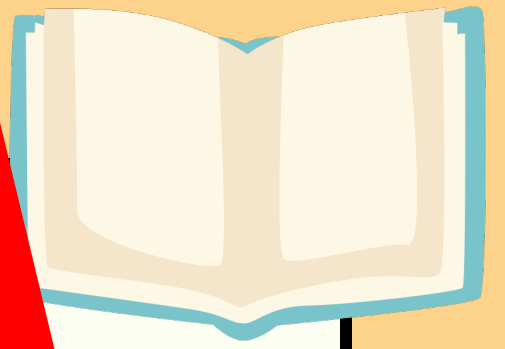


The cloud was as soft as cotton.

It compares using as.



Question 8 – Alliteration

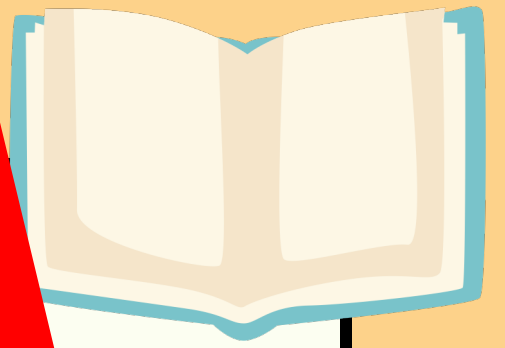


Which line uses alliteration?

- A. brave birds bounce
- B. brave cats bounce
- C. birds fly high
- D. birds sing softly



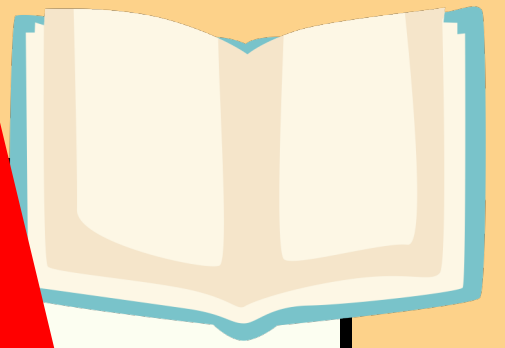
Answer 8



grave bird bounce
he repeated b and creates alliteration.



Question 9 – Explain

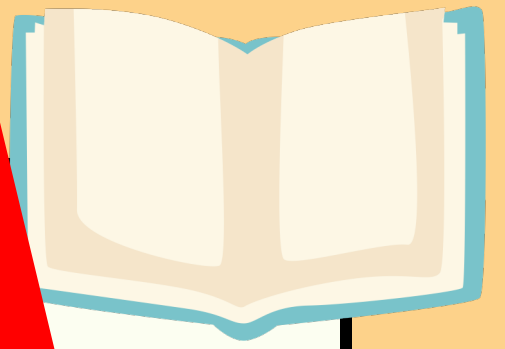


The key alint beside bench. What could the key symbolise?

Give one reason.



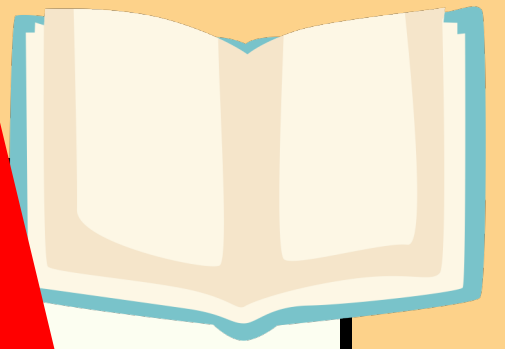
Answer 9



It could cause confusion or a new chance because keys open things.



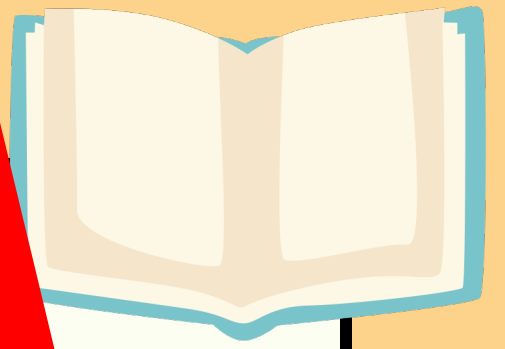
Question 10 – Create



Write “rain fell” to create a peaceful mood.



Answer 10



Get the rain whispered against the leaves.
Other answers may use soft, calm sensory words.





PREVIEW

Well Done!

