

A STORY SET ON BOARD THE BEAGLE

Activity 1 – Synonyms match

Cut out the words at the bottom of the sheet and arrange them into groups of synonyms. Some words do not belong in any groups.
Use a thesaurus to help you.

Synonyms of known	Synonyms of suffer
Synonyms of move with a jerk	Synonyms of travel
Not synonyms of these words	
Use a thesaurus to help you.	

endure	famous	roam	familiar
flounder	voyage	lurch	develop
hurt	sway	experience	trek
well-known	go through	tilt	sail
controversy	recognised		

Activity 2 – Improving writing using synonyms

Rewrite this paragraph, using your knowledge of synonyms to change the words underlined.

The Beagle

Most sailing ships were big, but Charles was sad to find that the Beagle was much smaller than he had thought. The ship was made mostly from wood and had three large masts that rose above the deck. Space below was limited, with rooms for sleeping and to keep supplies needed for their long voyage. While the Beagle was docked, the sails were tied securely. Charles imagined that they would be large when they were unfastened, moving in the wind to power the ship.

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Activity 3 – writer’s craft

Imagine you are on a voyage on The Beagle during a large storm. Write a description of this scene, using your knowledge of synonyms to use vocabulary for effect.

Use as many of your senses as you can to create a vivid image for your reader.

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