

THERE WAS ONCE A POWERFUL WITCH WHO LIVED on the edge of a marsh. She lived alone except for her familiar: a large black raven. Every day, people would come to her, seeking help, and every day the witch would assist them in return for some small token or favour. Her magic could cure many things: from warts to worries; from broken fingers to broken hearts. One day she had a visitor – the lord of the land – who had come in disguise. He was a cruel man who had heard stories of the witch's magic, and he couldn't bear to think that anyone was wealthier or more powerful than him. While he was quickly satisfied that the witch was far from rich, he unexpectedly began to fall in love with her. But the witch did not return his feelings, even when he threw off his disguise and revealed who he truly was.

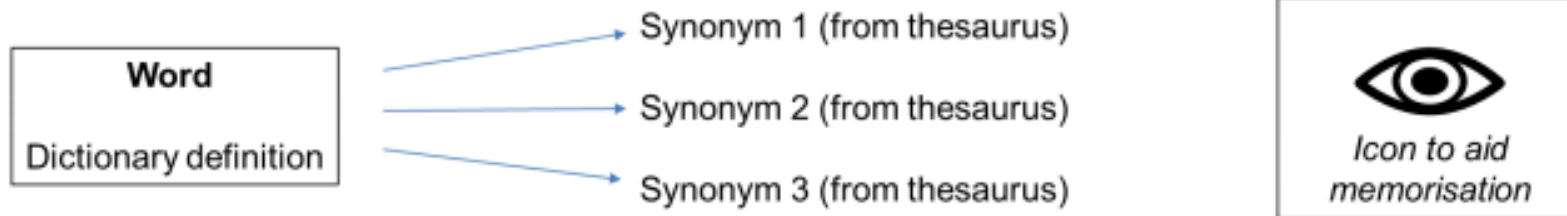
Unable to forget her, the lord returned to visit her again. He couldn't understand why the witch did not love him back, and he flew into a rage and ordered for her to be blinded. 'If you will not look at me and love me, you will not look at anyone,' he declared. But the lord's men took pity on the witch, and left her with one good eye. 'You can take my eye,' she told him, 'but I will always see you clearly.' And she enchanted an old stone with a hole through the middle to act as a magical eye for the one she had lost.

When the lord returned a third time, and the witch's feelings towards him had still not changed, he lost his temper again. This time he demanded that her voice be taken. 'If you will not say you love me,' he said, 'then you will not speak at all.' And he ordered his men to cut out her tongue and throw it into the marshes. But, after the lord left, the witch's raven croaked in a harsh, rasping voice: 'You may have taken my tongue, but you will never silence me.'

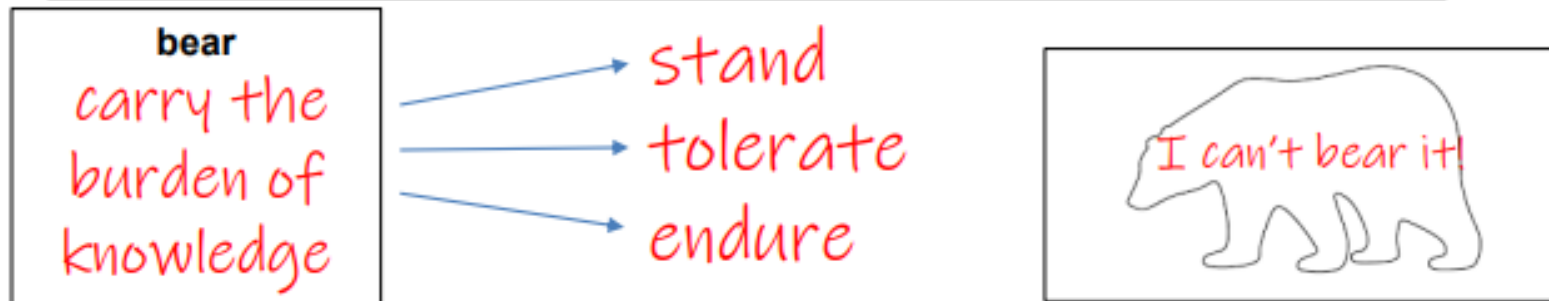
Session 2

Use a dictionary to define the word in context, identify possible synonyms and draw an image to aid memorisation. An example is completed below.

Example sentence showing the **word** in context...



He couldn't **bear** to think that anyone was wealthier or more powerful than him.



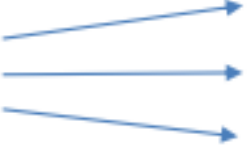
The lord's men took **pity** on the witch, and left her with one good eye.

pity



A group of fisherman had been swept near to the island by a **wayward** tide.

wayward



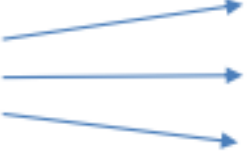
Despite her bubbling **resentment** towards him, there was still good in her heart.

resentment



He set off, thinking about the mysterious island, but **vowed** he would do as the witch asked.

vowed



Session 3

Evaluation scales

Character Name: Witch						
	Strongly agree	agree	Don't know	agree	Strongly agree	
Kind						Wicked
Evidence:						
Confident						Unsure
Evidence:						

Character Name: Lord

	Strongly agree	agree	Don't know	agree	Strongly agree	
Generous						Selfish

Evidence:

Trustworthy						Dishonest
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Evidence:

Session 4

Number the following events from the prologue from 1–5 to show the order in which they happened. The first one has been done for you.

The raven becomes the witches voice.

The lord of the land falls in love with the witch.

The witch is blinded in one eye.

The lord's greed is his undoing.

All of the items in the cauldron were transformed.

What do you like/dislike about the story so far?

What makes you want to read on?