

Wednesday 20th May 2020 - WALT Use Descriptive Devices to Write a Setting Description

Read the following setting description and pay careful attention to the descriptive devices the writer has used.

Pirate Setting Description.

My eye stung immediately from the bitter-sweet feel of alcohol in the air. **Rum**. A **silvery, sharpened shard** of glass reflected **a dagger of light** towards me as I nervously shifted my position. A chandelier, **which hung carelessly** from the uneven ceiling, sent the light in indiscriminate directions **like the flying of terrified fireflies**. Two once-colourful feathers lay gathering dust under a perch; their dye absorbed away into the shadowy staleness of the room. The **darkness was a deathly cloak**. To the left I noticed a **forlorn flag folded** over a driftwood stool. A large jacket, **as black as the depth of night**, had been dropped haphazardly to the floor beside a makeshift bed.

A **soft singing sound** came from the wind as it swirled through the **shattered shutters**. Then **a roar like thunder** boomed and shook the room as one shutter fell from its hinges to the sodden ground. The air was **as damp as a cushion** left out in the rain.

Peering to the right, I shuddered to see four dulled swords and a space where one more had once lived. I backed away feeling the golden grains of sand rise between my toes.

Single word sentence

Simile

Metaphor

Alliteration

Personification

Look carefully at how these devices have been used in the pirate description.

Imagine that sometime after Veridion left, you were walking through the woods and noticed that the cottage door was swinging open. This tempted you to take a look inside. Write your own setting description in your home learning book. Try to use some of the above devices in your writing. Colour code them in your writing when you have finished. Here is a link to the animation, so you can watch it again and pay close attention to the setting:

<https://www.literacyshed.com/the-almchemists-letter.html>