



Year 4 Home Learning – English Bundle

If you are not in school, please start with lesson 1 and work your way through the lessons. If the lessons are short, you can complete more than one. Our expectation is that you spend an hour a day on your work in this subject.

Narrative Writing: Whale Rider

Lesson Title <small>Record this in your book with today's date</small>	Overview	Link to Lesson
Lesson 1 – Maori culture	In this lesson, we will be learning all about the Maori people, cultures and traditions. This will prepare us to plan and write our own narrative based on the film 'Whale Rider'.	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 2 – Suffixes -ify and -ise	In this lesson, we will be exploring what a suffix is, what root words are and the meaning of the suffixes –ify and –ise. We will also be looking at how these suffixes can change the spellings and meanings of root words. Finally, we will receive our spelling words for this week.	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 3 – Simple, compound and complex sentences	In this lesson, we will recap the differences between simple, compound and complex sentences. To do this we will look at the differences between phrases and clauses then the features of each type of sentence. We will get the opportunity to write our own simple, compound and complex sentences and colour code them to be able to clearly see what the features of the sentences are.	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 4 – Main characters in films	In this lesson, we will watch a clip from the film 'Whale Rider' and analyse the two main characters in terms of their actions, internal feelings and emotions. Please note that the death of a mother and brother are briefly mentioned in this lesson. If this is a sensitive topic for your child, please make sure they are adequately supervised. There is also a film clip, which features some violence in the context of a Maori tradition.	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 5 – Words to describe eyes	In this lesson, we will be looking at key vocabulary that can be used to describe someone's eyes. We will also be identifying word pairs and synonyms (different words that have the same meaning). Finally, we will have a chance to apply this vocabulary by writing our own sentences.	Click here to go to the lesson



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Lesson 6 – Planning a build-up	<p>In this lesson, we will discuss the purpose of a narrative build-up. We will then re-watch a clip from the film 'Whale Rider' and describe the characters' actions.</p> <p>Please note that the death of a mother and brother are briefly mentioned in this lesson. If this is a sensitive topic for your child, please make sure they are adequately supervised. There are also stills from a film clip which feature some violence in the context of a Maori tradition.</p>	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 7 – Applying the suffixes –ify and -ise	<p>Today's lesson will focus on spelling. We will be practising how to apply the –ify and –ise suffixes. After recapping the rules for each suffix and learning a new strategy for how to apply them, we will complete our spelling test.</p>	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 8 – Punctuating speech	<p>In this lesson, we will discuss the key components of speech punctuation. We will then practise punctuating speech at the beginning and end of sentences.</p> <p>Please note this lesson includes a film clip which features some violence in the context of a Maori tradition.</p>	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 9 – Writing a build-up	<p>In this lesson, we will use our character analysis and plans to write a narrative build-up based on the film 'Whale Rider'.</p> <p>Please note that the death of a mother and brother are briefly mentioned in this lesson. If this is a sensitive topic for your child, please make sure they are adequately supervised.</p>	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 10 – Analysing a film clip	<p>In this lesson, we will watch a clip from the film 'Whale Rider' and analyse it in terms of the setting, sounds, colours and character. Please note the film clip features the death of a whale. If this is a sensitive topic for your child, please make sure they are adequately supervised.</p>	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 11 – Planning a narrative climax	<p>In this lesson, we will plan a narrative climax based on a clip from the film 'Whale Rider'. We will focus on the characters' actions, body language and facial expressions to show their feelings and emotions. Please note the film clip features the death of a whale. If this is a sensitive topic for your child, please make sure they are adequately supervised.</p>	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 12 – Writing a narrative climax	<p>In this lesson, we will use our film analysis and plans to write a narrative climax based on the film 'Whale Rider'. Please note that the film clip features the death of a whale. If this is a sensitive topic for your child, please make sure they are adequately supervised.</p>	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 13 – Planning a resolution	<p>In this lesson, we will plan a narrative resolution based on a clip from the film 'Whale Rider'. We will focus on the characters' actions, body language and facial expressions to show their feelings and emotions.</p>	Click here to go to the lesson
Lesson 14 – Writing a resolution	<p>In this lesson, we will use our plans to write a narrative resolution based on the film 'Whale Rider'.</p>	Click here to go to the lesson



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Lesson 15 – Book recommendations

In this lesson, we will develop reading for pleasure through book recommendations. We will focus on non-fiction and picture books. Pupils will then generate their own recommendations to share with others.
Look at [MyOn](#) for books. Use your TT Rockstars login and password

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