

The Reading Realm

Journey into a world where stories come to life...

The Spooky Realm

Short extracts to read and interpret

Editing and correcting spelling and grammar

Vocabulary, synonyms, antonyms and definitions

Drawing and visualisation

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For older children who like a fright!

THE HIGHWAYMAN by Alfred Noyes

The wind was a torrent of darkness among the gusty trees.

The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas.

The road was a ribbon of moonlight over the purple moor,

And the highwayman came riding—Riding—riding—

The highwayman came riding, up to the old inn-door.

He'd a French cocked-hat on his forehead, a bunch of lace at his chin,

A coat of the claret velvet, and breeches of brown doe-skin.
They fitted with never a wrinkle. His boots were up to the thigh.

And he rode with a jewelled twinkle,
His pistol butts a-twinkle,
His rapier hilt a-twinkle, under the
jewelled sky.

Draw it! What do you see when you read this? Draw and label a picture!



Match it! Match the words by drawing a line!

galleon	sword
pistol	gun
rapier	ship

Check it! Find the mistakes!

The highwayman cames ryding, up to the old indoor.

MACBETH by William Shakespeare

Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn, and caldron bubble.
Fillet of a fenny snake,
In the caldron boil and bake;
Eye of newt, and toe of frog,
Wool of bat, and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork, and blind-worm's sting,
Lizard's leg, and owlet's wing,—
For a charm of powerful trouble,
Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.

Write it! Carry on the spell!



Match it! Draw a line to match the definitions!

fork	spell
fenny	tongue
spell	marsh

"Next I will ac	ld the scayle of	an dragon and	the tooth of
á	n wolf!" cakled	the fird which.	

THE RAVEN by Edgar Alan Poe

Open here I flung the shutter, when, with many a flirt and flutter,

In there stepped a stately Raven of the saintly days of yore;

Not the least <u>obeisance</u> made he; not a minute stopped or stayed he;

But, with <u>mien</u> of lord or lady, perched above my chamber door—

Perched upon a <u>bust</u> of Pallas just above my chamber door—

Perched, and sat, and nothing more.

Draw it! What do you see when you read this? Draw and label a picture!



Match it! Match the words by drawing a line!

bust	expression
obeisance	sculpture
mien	respect

Correct it! Find the missing punctuation!

Get thee back into the tempest and leave my chamber I shrieked

FRANKENSTEIN I saw the dull yellow eye of the creature open; it breathed hard, and a <u>convulsive</u> motion agitated its limbs...His yellow skin scarcely covered the work of muscles and arteries beneath; his hair was of a lustrous black, and flowing; his teeth of a pearly whiteness; but these luxuriances only formed a more horrid contrast with his watery eyes, that seemed almost of the same colour as the <u>dun</u> white sockets in which they were set, his shrivelled <u>complexion</u> and straight black lips.

Write a diary from the creature's point of view as he comes to life!

Match it! Draw a line to match the words to the meaning!

convulsive	shaking, jerky
complexion	grey-brown colour
dun	skin texture and colour

Check it! Circle the mistakes and correct them!

Save me I cryd as I imagined the monster siezing me.



WUTHERING HEIGHTS About midnight, while we still sat up, the storm came rattling over the Heights in full fury. There was a <u>violent</u> wind, as well as thunder, and either one or the other split a tree off at the corner of the building: a huge <u>bough</u> fell across the roof, and knocked down a <u>portion</u> of the east chimney-stack, sending a clatter of stones and soot into the kitchen-fire.

Draw it! What do you see when you read this? Draw and label a picture!

Match it! Draw a line to match the synonyms!

portion	branch
violent	part
bough	powerful

Why is Heights written with a capital?

Check it! Circle the mistakes and correct them!

The uproar pased away in twenty minites, leeving us all unharmd.





Use it! Use these words and phrases in your writing!

towering looming thicket cracked windows like teeth
decrepit dilapidated ancient spooky clouds gathering
malicious malignant eerie silence unspeakable wicked
evil quivered shook fear terrified oppressive

THE HAUNTED HOUSE

Write it! Continue this spooky story...

They peered nervously through the rusty, blackened gate and saw...



