

Week 5
Talk for Writing
Little Vixen Street



Lesson 1

WALT- use a dictionary and a thesaurus

Let's begin by retelling the story of 'Little Vixen Street'.



Today we are going to find the meaning of some words. Then we will find synonyms for these words using a thesaurus

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfkk7ty/articles/z8t8pbk>



What are synonyms?

Synonyms are words with the same or similar meaning:

- Words such as happy, cheerful and merry.
- Words such as sad, miserable and heartbroken.

Use a dictionary to find the meaning of the words in red.

If you can not find them in your school dictionary, then you can use an online dictionary

One by one, the shop fronts in Weston **flicker** and die. In the distance, a lone taxi purrs and carries away its last ride. The seaside town prepares to sleep.

A door crashes open and a pool of light **reveals** tired bins, spewing rubbish over the oily pavement. I flinch and sink into the shadows of Little Vixen Street.

Suddenly, a figure **emerges** from a door lifts the lid of a bin and casually tosses in a stinking carcass. I bide my time, watch and wait. Seconds later, the door snaps shut and the street is dark once more.

Emerging from the darkness like a phantom, my amber eyes stare left and right. Nothing. Now to work. I know that I need to return to the den soon—the cubs are hungry and time is **precious**.

One ear pricked, I **hastily** sniff and snuffle through the debris of an upturned bin. Aromas prickles my nostrils, **jowls** drip and **drool**. Picking through the rubbish, I find and grab the evening meal in my muzzle- the chicken carcass is still warm.

Without warning.

Flash!

Forward. Stumble. Trip.

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Blinded, I blink and think. As quick as a lightning, I gather up my bounty and scamper away. Blinking and squinting, I stare back through the rusted iron railings. A **lone** figure stares down at the screen of his iphone and retreats. I am safely hidden and tonight my cubs will have their fill.

Complete the word meaning grid.

Word	Type of word e.g. Noun, adjective, verb or adverb	Definition	Synonyms
flicker			
reveals			
emerges			
precious			
hastily			
jowls			
drools			
lone			

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Choose a sentence and rewrite it using your favourite synonym for the word in red.

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