

ENGLISH LESSON – 12.5.20

Chapter 16 - Diary Entry

- What sort of dog do you think Snipe was?
- Does Grimy Nick look after him well?
- Why do you think he bit Jim's leg?
- What do you think it felt like for Jim when Snipe bit his leg?
- Put yourself in Jim's 'shoes' and imagine that you had been trying to make an escape from the boat that night when the dog jumped up and attacked you.
- What words or phrases come into your mind? Write them down so that you can use them in your writing.

Here are some examples: *terrified, snarling, vicious, fangs*
bloodthirsty, savage



- Remember the 'tick list' requirements for writing a diary:

DIARY WRITING ASSESSMENT	
Greeting	
1 st Person	
Past tense	
Informal language	
Thoughts and feelings	
Detail and description	
Time order	
Time conjunctions	
Sign off	

- Make sure you include these in your diary entry to make the reader actually feel as if they were there watching and listening to it.
- Try to use 'Jim Speak' i.e. words and phrases that he has used before and informal, non-standard English.
- Here's an example to get you started:

Dear Diary

I very nearly lost me precious life today, I did.

I saw me chance to escape, right there in front of me. An open ticket to make my way back to Rosie or somewhere, anywhere that isn't this hell hole of a place with that evil 'master'. I tooks me chance, didn't I? Thought it would work, thought I would be safe but instead I'm sitting here in the dark, chained up, blood oozing out of my various wounds.

That vicious, snarling beast attacked me full on. More savage than a wild boar that one is. Giving me no time to think, it sank its white blades of enamel deep into my scrawny, fleshy legs. Pain like I've never experienced before pierced right through me bones. I screamed for ma, for Rosie, for anyone who could hear me but the howls and yelps of the beast getting its prey masked any sound I was making