

Year 4 Swifts

English

Autumn 1

The Mermaid of Zennor



Non- Chronological Reports



Key Vocabulary	Definition
ambition	Strong desire to achieve a particular goal.
apartment	Rooms for living in, especially on upper floors of a building. Flat.
cityscape	View of a city.
controversial	Something that causes much discussion, disagreement, or argument.
courageous	Showing bravery or courage.
cromlechs	A Gaelic word that could mean a stone structure or stone circle.
environment	Surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operate.
Gaelic	The language of Ireland that has been spoken since before English.
granite	Course-grained igneous rock.
keening	Wailing cry, often for the dead.
imagery	Language that stimulates the reader's senses.
merfolk	Legendary water-dwelling, human-like beings.
merrymaid	Another word for a mermaid.
perspective	To view an event from another point of view.
personification	Describing by giving human qualities: e.g. The leaves danced.
plural	More than one.
singular	Means one, as opposed to plural which means more than one.
urban	Belonging to, or relating to, a town or city.
Zennor	Cornish coastal village, near Land's End.

Figurative Language:

Figurative language is the use of non-literal phrases or words to create further meaning in writing or speech. Writing in this way creates a vivid picture in the mind of your reader!

e.g: Lucy swims like a fish. (simile) The sky is a blanket of diamonds. (metaphor)

The bony fingers of the tree in winter. (personification)

Legend

A legend is usually based on a true event in the past. However, the story may have changed over time to take on some special 'mythical' features. Legends usually have a real hero at the centre of the story and they are often set in fantastic places. The story will have been passed on from person to person, sometimes over a very long period of time.

Key Features:

A setting in the distant past.

Mortal and immortal characters.

A brave hero or heroine.

An explanation for how something started.

A monster or complex task the hero or heroine has to overcome.

Dialogue to advance the action.

Expanded noun phrases and adverbs to add detail.

Expanded Noun Phrases

Expanded noun phrases are groups of words which add detail to nouns to make the description more specific. They usually include determiners, adjectives and the noun itself. e.g. He finally found the colourful, old toy. More complex expanded noun phrases can also include other word classes, such as prepositions, to give even more detail. e.g. He finally found the colourful, old toy with a missing arm.

Informal Letters

An informal letter is the type of letter you would write to someone you know, for example a friend or family member. They're written in a style that is more friendly and familiar in comparison to a formal letter which follows strict rules about layout and style. Informal letters are more flexible when it comes to following these rules and can take on many different forms.

A friendly opening and close. A date.

Informal and chatty language. Written in first person.

Addresses of the sender and recipient (depending on the type of letter)

Non-Chronological Reports

All the information must be about the same topic, with lots of facts and evidence, rather than personal opinions. Reports must be set out clearly with a title, introduction, paragraphs, subheadings and images. They should be written in a formal tone and in the present tense (as if the actions are happening now).