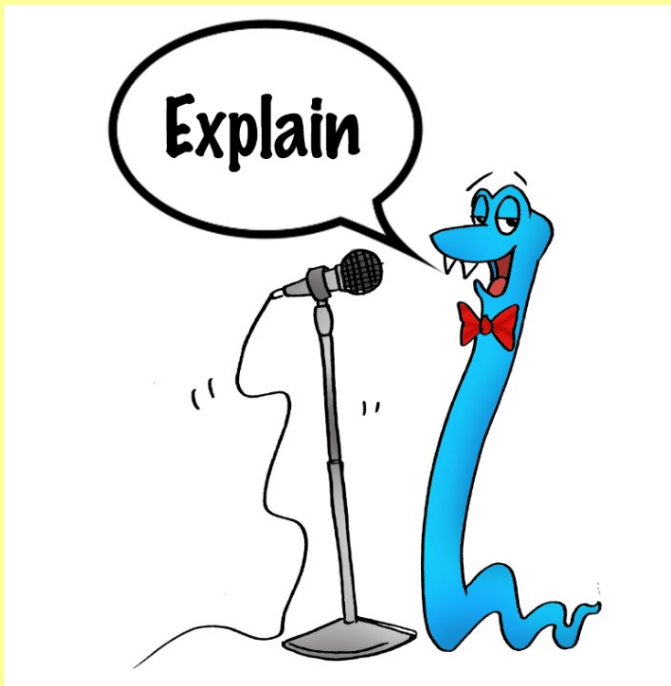


Guided reading - week 8



Explain

- Explain how content is related and contributes to the meaning as a whole.
- Explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of language.
- Explain the themes and patterns that develop across the text.
- Explain how information contributes to the overall experience.

Example questions

- Why is the text arranged in this way?
- What structures has the author used?
- What is the purpose of this text feature?
- Is the use of effective?
- The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find and copy the phrases which show this.
- What is the author's point of view?
- What affect does have on the audience?
- How does the author engage the reader here?
- Which words and phrases did effectively?
- Which section was the most interesting/exciting part?
- How are these sections linked?



WALT: Discuss words and phrases that capture my imagination



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I do

Task:

Read the documentary extract and select words and phrases that help you to build a picture in your mind of what is happening. Explain your choices.

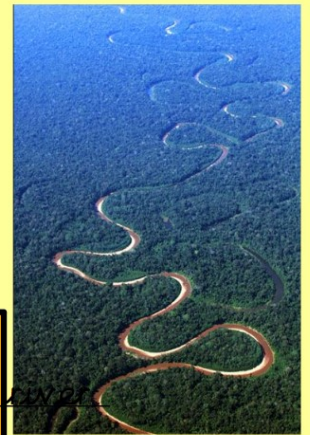
The Amazon is the mightiest river on earth. One thousand miles before it reaches the sea its main channel is already 10 miles wide. By the time it reaches the ocean it carries a fifth of all the river water in the world, spilling an incredible 45 galleons a second into the Atlantic. Every year, without fail, the Amazon bursts its banks and floods an area of forest the size of England. This huge change in water level over such a vast area affects everything that lives here in a dramatic way.

Chosen vocabulary

- *mightiest river
- *bursts its banks
- *vast area

Explaining why

The descriptive words I have chosen show how the Amazon is a large and powerful river. The word 'mightiest' makes the river appear impressive in size and strength.



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We do

After the river has flooded the forest..

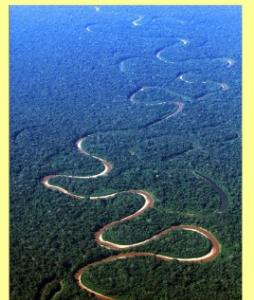
Dawn breaks to a world transformed. Trees here have evolved to deal with this annual inundation, they can survive even standing in eight metres of water. The forest will stay flooded for up to five months. For animals of the forest floor it can spell disaster unless they can get away. The long nosed armadillo lives on dry land and usually travels only at night. Forced from her flooded burrow this female desperately swims for safety.

Chosen vocabulary

- Dawn breaks
- For animals of the forest floor it can spell disaster
- Forced from her flooded burrow, this female desperately swims for safety.

Explaining why

The descriptive words I have chosen show...



Can you find any more words or phrases that capture your imagination?

WALT: Discuss words and phrases that capture my imagination

You do

She's in grave danger, predators like the black caiman cruise the waterways and she could sink under the weight of her heavy shell. She can hold her breath for a few minutes and even walk on the river bottom if she has to. To make it across this wide channel she swallows air inflates her chest creating a temporary life jacket but swimming this far is exhausting and hungry predators and on patrol. Floods have driven the armadillo out of her burrow and into the swollen river to swim for her life. This time she's lucky.

*Choose vocabulary that captures your imagination.

*Explain why you have chosen this vocabulary.

I have chosen these words because...

The descriptive words I've chosen show...

