



Week 1

Stealing by Carol Ann Duffy

The poem's **speaker** is a bored, isolated person who feels "sick of the world" and routinely steals things just for the thrill of it. The speaker says that the strangest thing they ever stole was a snowman, which they later kicked apart, and ends the poem by frustratedly declaring that whoever is listening to this story doesn't understand the speaker at all.

Week 2

Caliban is Prospero's unwilling **slave**. As the son of the witch Sycorax, who ruled the island before she died years prior to Prospero's arrival, Caliban believes that he should be master of the island. When Prospero initially came to the island, Caliban showed him friendship, and in return Prospero educated Caliban. But Caliban eventually came to realize that Prospero would never view him as more than an educated **savage**.

Week 3

How to use "show, don't tell"

Use setting: *The dark trees stood over him* – he feels intimidated.
Verbs: *paced, jog, dragged*, instead of *walked* – it tells you ore about their emotions
Symbolism: Use objects, animals, or characters to represent abstract ideas – *a black bird* suggests something sinister and spooky.
Appeal to the senses: sees, hears, touches, smells, and tastes



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Week 4

Island Man

Island Man by Grace Nicholls

The man in the poem is an **immigrant** from the Caribbean. Each night, he dreams of his home in the **West Indies**, only to "come back" each morning to the harsh reality of his London surroundings. The poem expresses the homesickness immigrants can feel in a new country, while also suggesting that many immigrants keep their home alive within themselves.

Week 5

Simile – to compare one thing with another, usually using 'as' or 'like'.

The trees stood as tall as towers.

Metaphor - a descriptive technique that names a person, thing or action as something else.
The circus was a magnet for the children.

Personification - a metaphor attributing human feelings to an object. *The sun smiled at the hills, ready to begin a new day.*

Onomatopoeia - words that sound a little like they mean.

Key words:

Speaker – the narrator of a poem
Slave – working hard with no pay and reward.

Savage – a derogatory term to describe a person or people the speaker regards as primitive and uncivilized.

Immigrant - a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.

West Indies - Two island chains in the Caribbean Sea between North and South America



ISLAND MAN

By Grace Nicholls



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Questions	Answers
What do we know about the speaker of Stealing?	They are a bored and isolated person.
How does the speaker feel?	They are sick of the world.
Why do they steal things	For the thrill of it.
What is the strongest thing they have ever stolen?	A snowman.
How does the speaker feel at the end?	Frustrated.

Week 2

Questions	Answers
Who does Caliban think should be in charge of the island?	Him – as his mother was once the ruler.
What is Caliban to Prospero?	His unwilling slave
Who is Caliban's mother?	Sycorax..
What was the initial relationship between Caliban and Prospero?	Friendship and Prospero educated him.
What did Caliban eventually realise?	He viewed him as a savage.

Week 3

Questions	Answers
By saying 'the dark trees stood over him' you are showing not telling the reader what?	He is intimidated as something standing over someone would make them feel afraid.
If you use the verb 'paced' rather than walk you are showing your reader what?	pacing could mean they are anxious, or impatient.
If you use the verb 'dragged' in the sentence 'he dragged himself out of bed' you are showing your reader what?	Drag means it is difficult and tough. This would therefore mean they did not want to do it.
What could adding a black bird in a story show?	Something spooky might happen.
What are the five senses?	See, hear, touch, taste and smell.


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What is the man in the poem 'Island Man'?	An immigrant.
Where did he come from?	The Caribbean – the West Indies.
What does he dream of each night?	His home in the West Indies.
Where does he live now?	London.
How does he feel?	He is homesick.

Week 5

Questions	Answers
If you use 'as' or 'like' it is a....?	Simile.
What is a metaphor?	A descriptive technique that names a person, thing or action as something else.
'The circus was a magnet for children' means...?	They were attracted to it as magnets are drawn to each other.
What is personification?	When you give something human characteristics – <i>the wind whistled</i> .
Boom! Bang! and pop! Are all examples of...?	Onomatopoeia.

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