

# A STORY SET ON BOARD THE BEAGLE

## Activity 1 – Synonyms match

Cut out the words at the bottom of the sheet and arrange them into groups of synonyms. Some words do not belong in any groups.  
Use a thesaurus to help you.

Synonyms of known	Synonyms of suffer
familiar famous well-known recognised	endure hurt experience go through
Synonyms of move with a jerk	Synonyms of travel
lurch flounder sway tilt	roam voyage trek sail
<b>Not synonyms of these words</b> Use a thesaurus to help you.	
<b>controversy</b> - synonyms could include: debate, dispute, argument, discussion, difference <b>develop</b> - synonyms could include: evolve, build up, improve, evolve, refine	

endure	famous	roam	familiar
flounder	voyage	lurch	develop
hurt	sway	experience	trek
well-known	go through	tilt	sail
controversy	recognised		

## Activity 2 – Improving writing using synonyms

Rewrite this paragraph, using your knowledge of synonyms to change the words underlined.

### The Beagle

*Most sailing ships were big, but Charles was sad to find that the Beagle was much smaller than he had thought. The ship was made mostly from wood and had three large masts that rose above the deck. Space below was limited, with rooms for sleeping and to keep supplies needed for their long voyage. While the Beagle was docked, the sails were tied securely. Charles imagined that they would be large when they were unfastened, moving in the wind to power the ship.*

Answers will vary. Words must be replaced but the meaning should remain similar.

Examples of suitable synonyms have been inserted into the paragraph below.

### The Beagle

*Most sailing ships were **vast**, but Charles was **disappointed** to find that the Beagle was much smaller than he had **imagined**. The **vessel** was made **predominantly** from wood and had three large masts that **towered above** the deck. Space below was **cramped**, with rooms for sleeping and to **store** supplies needed for their long voyage. While the Beagle was docked, the sails were **fastened** securely. Charles imagined that they would be **sizeable** when they were unfastened, **blowing** in the wind to power the ship.*

### Activity 3 – writer’s craft

Imagine you are on a voyage on The Beagle during a large storm. Write a description of this scene, using your knowledge of synonyms to use vocabulary for effect.

Use as many of your senses as you can to create a vivid image for your reader.



Answers will vary.

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