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“Greyling” and “My Heart is in the Highlands” by Jane Yolen

Study these words from “Greyling” and “My Heart is in the Highlands.” Then, complete the activities.

Word List A

childhood [CHYLD hood] n. the time when a person is a child.

Anna looked back on her youth, remembering childhood as a happy time.

delicious [di LISH us] adj. great tasting or great smelling

I can't stop eating those delicious oatmeal raisin cookies.

foam [FOHM] n. mass of tiny bubbles

When Shelia opened the can of soda, foam sprayed out.

mansions [MAN shuhn] n. houses that are very big and grand

The rich woman owned two mansions with many elegant rooms.

mended [MEND id] v. fixed; repaired

A balloon cannot be mended; if it pops, but throw it out.

memories [MEM uh reez] n. things that you remember from the past

Jack has great memories of the party; he recalls that it was fun.

relatives [REL uh tivs] n. family members

Uncle Jack, my cousin Steve, and Grandma Lil are my favorite relatives.

stunned [STUHND] v. extremely shocked or surprised

I was so sure my team was going to win that when we lost I was stunned.

Word List B

driftwood [DRIFT wood] n. pieces of wood that float up on a beach

We found enough driftwood on the beach to make a big bonfire.

dwell [DWEL] v. to think about for a long time

When Leslie and Will dwell on their problems, they always feel sad.

endure [en DOOR] v. put up with something

The noise was so loud that Tammy found it hard to endure.

fiction [FIK shuhn] n. stories about characters and events that are not real

I like reading fiction more than I like reading about real life.

grieving [GREE ving] v. feeling terribly sad

Charlotte was grieving for weeks when her best friend moved far away.

rebuilding [ree BIL ding] v. completely fixing, putting something back together

Workers spent weeks rebuilding a home that was damaged by the storm.

sleek [SLEEK] adj. shiny and smooth

Trevor washed and waxed his car; it had never looked so sleek before.

technique [tek NEEK] n. a way of doing something that requires skill

I practiced the new batting technique that my coach had shown me.

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Read the following passage. Pay special attention to the underlined words. Then, read it again, and complete the activities. Use a separate sheet for your written answers.

Fishermen know that their jobs are dangerous. They cannot dwell too much upon these dangers. If they thought about them, fishermen would not be capable of doing their jobs. Still, they realize that danger is not fiction but an everyday fact of life.

Fishermen in smaller boats face the greatest risks, but all fishermen are aware of possible hazards at sea. In dense dark fog, a sea craft can lose its course, run aground, or collide with another ship. Equipment failure is something fishermen must also be prepared to handle. Engines sometimes fail. Radios, so important when the need for assistance arises, may malfunction. When something serious happens, rebuilding equipment at sea is not always an option. That’s why fishermen carry backup equipment such as flares or signal flags.

The biggest danger, however, is getting caught in an unexpected storm. Even a sleek fishing vessel that cuts easily through the water cannot always outrace a storm. Each year, many fishing boats are destroyed by the elements. Constant pounding by the waves is more than some boats can endure . Boats crack apart and the pieces wash up on an ocean beach as driftwood .

Although these hazards at sea seem pretty scary, expert fishermen are knowledgeable in every technique of safe sailing. They know what to do when rough weather arises. Safety equipment and lifeboats and life perseveres are kept in good repair and replaced when necessary. It is always “safety first” when working at sea, because no fisherman wants to be the one who doesn’t return, leaving a grieving family behind!

1. Underline the phrase that has the same meaning as dwell .
2. Circle the word that means the opposite of fiction .
3. Explain why you think rebuilding at sea might be hard.
4. Write a sentence describing two things you think have a sleek look.

5. What is it that some boats cannot endure ? Tell what happens to these boats.

6. Write a sentence telling where the passage says you can find driftwood .

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7. Underline the word that explains what type of fisherman knows every technique of the sea.
8. Explain what it means for a fisherman's family to be grieving.
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"Greyling" by Jane Yolen Model Selection: Fiction

Fiction is writing that tells about imaginary people or animals called **characters**. They experience a series of made-up events called the **plot**. The plot contains a problem, or **conflict**, that characters solve. The action takes place at a certain time and location, called the **setting**.

A speaker called the narrator tells the plot. If the narrator is a character, he or she tells the story in **first-person point of view**. If the narrator stands outside the story, he or she tells it in **third-person point of view**.

DIRECTIONS: *"Greyling" is a piece of fiction. Use this chart to provide details about its characters, plot, setting, and narrator.*

Element of Fiction	Details
Characters	
Plot	What conflict, or problem, do the characters face?
Narrator	Is the narrator inside or outside the story? Does the narrator use the first-person or the third-person point of view? What hints in the story led to your answers?
Setting	

