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Alliteration

Alliteration is the use of the same sound at the beginning of words. Authors use alliteration to grab the reader's attention and to make the words sound interesting when read aloud. Alliteration is often used in advertising. Here is a great example of alliteration – *sticky, stingy, stringy jellyfish* (page 9).

Write some other words to describe the jellyfish using alliteration. For example – whipping, wobbly, wearisome jellyfish; dreadful, dangerous, deadly jellyfish.

Colloquialisms

There are some phrases in this book that make the story interesting, for example, *bursting at the seams*. These types of phrases are sometimes called colloquialisms. Colloquialisms are used to express an idea or situation. They are often humorous. They help make writing more interesting. Some more colloquialisms are written below. On a separate sheet of paper, put them into sentences.

rack your brains (means – to think hard about something)

turn over a new leaf (means – to start again and try to do better)

let the cat out of the bag (means – to give away a secret)

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Persuasive Writing

In this form of writing, you express your point of view and give your opinion about whether something is right or wrong. You try to persuade other people to think the same way you do. In persuasive writing, the structure is usually as follows –

- State the issue, idea, or problem
- Explain your argument for or against the issue
- Put forward a recommendation or solution

Think of your own idea to solve the problem of jellyfish in the bay. Write a persuasive piece using the structure described above. When you have finished, read it to the class.

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Jellyfish are unusual animals and can look beautiful in aquariums as their translucent bodies float through the water. Use an encyclopedia, books, or the Internet to find out more about jellyfish. Answer the questions below.

What do jellyfish eat?

Why do they sting?

How big are the largest jellyfish?

Name three types of jellyfish.

Where are jellyfish found?

What are the predators of jellyfish?
