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WALT: Improve our Descriptive Vocabulary

This week we will be looking at the Kraken. For centuries, sailors have told tales of ships being attacked by the gruesome Kraken – a mysterious creature that has appeared in many myths and legends and has also appeared in films such as ‘The Pirates of the Caribbean’, ‘Jason and the Argonauts’ and ‘Jason – Clash of Titans’.



To prepare for our writing, I would like you today to use a thesaurus to find some powerful vocabulary.

Task 1: Find synonyms for the following words. Then highlight the synonym you like best and would like to try to use in your writing:

WORD	SYNONYMS
large	Big, great, huge, bulky, hefty, enormous, gargantuan, colossal
Ugly	Unpleasant, horrible, dreadful, foul, dreadful, gruesome, bad-tempered, hostile, hideous
Nasty	Revolting, nauseating, ghastly, repugnant, sickening, spiteful, malicious, wicked, cruel
Desperate(ly)	Frenziedly, frantically, urgently, dreadfully, hastily, anxiously
Vicious	Brutal, cruel, venomous, fierce, wild, savage, brutish, inhuman
Spiteful	Malicious, nasty, mean, hurtful, vindictive

Task 2: Look up the meaning of these words using a dictionary at home, online or using the dictionary tool in Microsoft Word:

Malevolent: having or showing a desire to harm others

Repulsive: making someone feel disgust or very strong dislike / tending to repel

Bulging: to expand or swell

Putrefying : to decay with a foul smell or make something decay with a foul smell

Reek: to have a very strong and unpleasant smell, or give off such a smell

Task 3: choose one of your new words and use it in a sentence:

Colossal and cruel, wild and savage, its bulging eyes smouldered with a burning menace.

It's hideous mouth gaped open to reveal rows of razor sharp, fesh tearing incisors set deep in crimson jaws. A putrefying and nauseous reek spred from its maw and threatened to suffocate the terrified sailors as they frantically tried to escape.