

TeachingLive | Season 9 | Darkwhispers | Week 8 | 'Chapter 4'
| Monday 26th June 2023

Skyship Adventure 4 – the crew manage to **escape** and head for the next island (or home).

Anything in **blue** should be read before the session by the teacher – I will also put in **red** any grids or sentences or instructions that should ideally be in the children's books.



Today's Game – journalist interviews - to tune us into the final chapter of the story, we begin with a reporter interviewing someone who has met a skygoblin or some such similar threat. After two minutes, swap roles. David and Pie will model first.

- Where and when did it happen?
- What happened?
- What did the skygoblin look like?
 - Skin
 - Hair
 - Ears
 - Eyes
 - Teeth
 - Hands
 - Legs
 - Colour
 - Sounds
 - Anything else...
- What other facts do you know about skygoblins?
- What did you do?
- How did you feel?
- Did anyone else see this goblin and what did they do/ say?

Padlet 1 – On the padlet, write sentences about a sighting of a skygoblin, or some other main threat, to build description.

The Objective – to enjoy the creative challenge of inventing sentences to describe a sky-goblin or a similar threat.

See	I saw a dark shadow creeping towards the skyship. It had thin eyes that stared at me through the gloom like twin slits torn through green skin. Its skin was covered in scales and it glinted in the moonlight. Its hands were gnarled but the fingernails reached out like jagged talons. I saw its matted hair, straggly as weeds in a river. I saw its ears jutted out, twisting as it listened for a sound. I saw its teeth were blunt, worn by years of chewing and grinding on bones. I saw its spindly, bony legs as it bounded onto the skyship. I saw its green body glistening in the firelight like a shark's back.
Hear	I heard something unearthly breathing, as the goblin took heavy, rasping breaths. I heard tortured screams as the goblins attacked.
Feel	As it passed me by, I felt its cold, damp skin like the icy scales of an ancient monster.
Think	I wondered whether I would survive the encounter.

Padlet 2 – adverbials & repetition for a suspense paragraph:

- Hardly daring to breathe, (main character)
- At that moment, she/ he heard/ saw ...
- Terrified/ Horrified,/ Petrified, ...
- Outside, ...
- Inside, ...
- Something was ...

Hardly daring to breathe, Ty darted into the skyship's galley and ducked down.

At that moment, he heard something scraping along the deck and saw the door shift open.

Terrified, he knelt down and waited in the shadows.

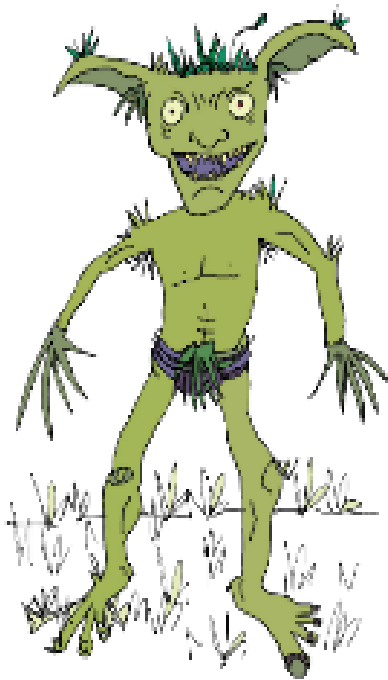
Outside, the goblins swarmed over the ship's hull.

Inside, Ty held his breath as something moved towards him, its claws scratching the ground.

Something was edging closer. Something that smelt of bones.

Something that had not one but two thin, red eyes.

Gallery Challenge – draw a skygoblin or your chosen threat:



Blogging Activity – Write the final chapter. The children should have a copy of Pie’s last chapter.

The quality of the children’s writing may well depend on how much time can be devoted to following up the session. You might:

- read, annotate and discuss the model text;
- reread, discuss and read aloud with expression for fluency;
- practice key techniques and sentence patterns;
- brainstorming ideas;
- shared writing;
- time to draft and polish (edit);
- placing the blog onto the TL website;
- reading their writing fluently on the website.

Skyship Adventure 1 – prologue + The Aurora leaves in search of a lost explorer.
Skyship Adventure 2– The Aurora lands on an island – setting description – the crew searches for clues.
Skyship Adventure 3 – suspense builds as a threat appears and the crew try to flee.
Skyship Adventure 4 – the crew manage to escape and head for the next island (or home).

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The Firestone - Chapter 3, contd

Marianna was amazed to find herself reunited with Ty inside a massive network of caves where the thought-bears lived. They had been caring for Ermitage after his skyship had crashed. The chief was an enormous bear of great age and he cast into their minds a warning, "Sky goblins are close!". Pressing a small, ruby-coloured stone into Ty's hand, the Bear King hissed, "You'll need this!"

With the thought-bears' help, the children took Ermitage back to the Kaskan. Captain Culshaw and the crew had returned and Marianna spluttered out the warning. Instantly, everyone leapt into action... manning the rigging, firing the engines, storing water and provisions, battening down the hatches and preparing the skyship to leave.

But it was too late.

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The engines roared; Captain Culshaw struggled at the helm as the Kaskan's mighty balloon filled with hot air and she began to lift off the ground. Ty heard a terrible screeching and from out of the clouds tore what looked like a swarm of skygoblins.

Leathery wings beat like drums, as they descended towards the Kaskan. Thin green bodies twisted in the air as they hurtled down, their red eyes flashing and sharp teeth gnashing. The thought-bears stood as one – projecting mighty mind-waves to surround the Kaskan with an invisible protection shield that even the goblins could not penetrate. The Kaskan rose upwards and began to move forwards. Meanwhile, the goblins attacked the bears, their ragged fingernails like metallic talons. The king bear batted the goblins to one side, roaring in anger.

By now, the Kaskan was in the air and already picking up pace. However, the further they flew away from the bears, the distance weakened the protective force field until soon it could no longer shield them. Goblins now began to swarm across the ship's hull. The crew raced to the sides and began to push goblins back off the wooden planking. Marianna grabbed a large pole and swung it in the air, beating the enemy back.

Ty could see that some goblins clung to the rigging and were trying to slice open the leathery balloon... but it was made of dragon skin and not so easily ruined. He watched with panic as more and more crawled over the Kaskan, seeking a way to destroy the ship. He flinched as one smaller goblin approached him, shuffling across the decking with its red eyes staring at him. Its jagged teeth were stained and its forked tongue flickered like a cobra sensing its prey. Stepping back, Ty gasped.

Hardly daring to breathe, Ty darted behind the helm and ducked down. At that moment, he heard something scraping along the deck and saw the goblin's silhouette. Terrified, he

waited in the shadows. Above, the goblins swarmed over the ship's carcass. Below, Ty held his breath as something moved towards him, its claws scratching the ground. Something was edging closer. Something that smelt of bones. Something that had not one but two thin, red eyes.

The next moment, the goblin was air-borne as Marianna had swiped it a mighty blow. Grinning at Ty, she shouted, "Arm yourself!" At that moment, he remembered the red stone that the king of the bears had handed him. He tugged it from his pocket and could feel it pulsing in his hand as if it was angry. A thought slipped from the stone into his mind and instantly, Ty knew what he should do.

As the goblins swarmed over the balloon, screeching and cackling as they sought a way to destroy the Kaskan's skin, Ty threw the firestone into their midst. There was an almighty flare of brilliant light and the goblins immediately fell from the balloon, tumbling down, down, down their wings incapable of flight. The crew rushed to the handrails, cheering as they peered over the edge. Far below, they could see the goblin swarm dropping towards the sea.

That afternoon, the Kaskan had been cleared and cleaned. Goblin slime was washed from the decks and any wounds had been tended to by the ship's doctor with healing herbs and bandages made from soothing leaves. Marianna and Ty shared the binoscope. They could see distant islands waiting invitingly. Standing beside them, their new friend the ancient explorer Ermitage Wigglesworth began to tell them his story...

The Kaskan sailed on through the skies. New lands, new adventures, new horizons awaiting them.