

# Beyond the Bounty – Looking at language

## Worksheet answers

Authors use language carefully to convey meaning, mood and feeling. In the opening lines of *Beyond the Bounty* by Tony Parsons, the ship is described as ‘made of English oak’.

Oak trees can live for over 200 years. In literature, they often represent the wisdom that comes with old age.

Oak is also a hard, solid wood so this implies security and safety.



Activity 1 is open ended, but your discussion could have included that ‘English’ refers to where the ship was made and is therefore its ‘home’. You may have discussed the concept of ‘home’ – is it where you live, where you come from, is it a place or is it more than that?

Activity 2 is also open ended, but you may have included the following:

How the Bounty is described	Associations
‘Home’	Warmth, family, a region, a country, a house, etc.
‘Prison’	Feelings of being trapped and not being able to escape.
‘Mad dream of freedom’	A dream that could never come true, freedom from everyday life or escaping from a feeling of being trapped, etc.