

Beyond the Bounty – Looking at language

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.



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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/skillswise/reading-for-pleasure/zj37cqt#zbfbwsg>

Activity 1: Discuss the term 'English oak' and what else you think the author is conveying by using this term.

Activity 2: The Bounty is also described as '*Our home, our prison, our mad dream of freedom.*' For each term, think of what you associate this with and what it means to you.

How the Bounty is described	Associations
'Home'	
'Prison'	
'Mad dream of freedom'	

Worksheet Level 1