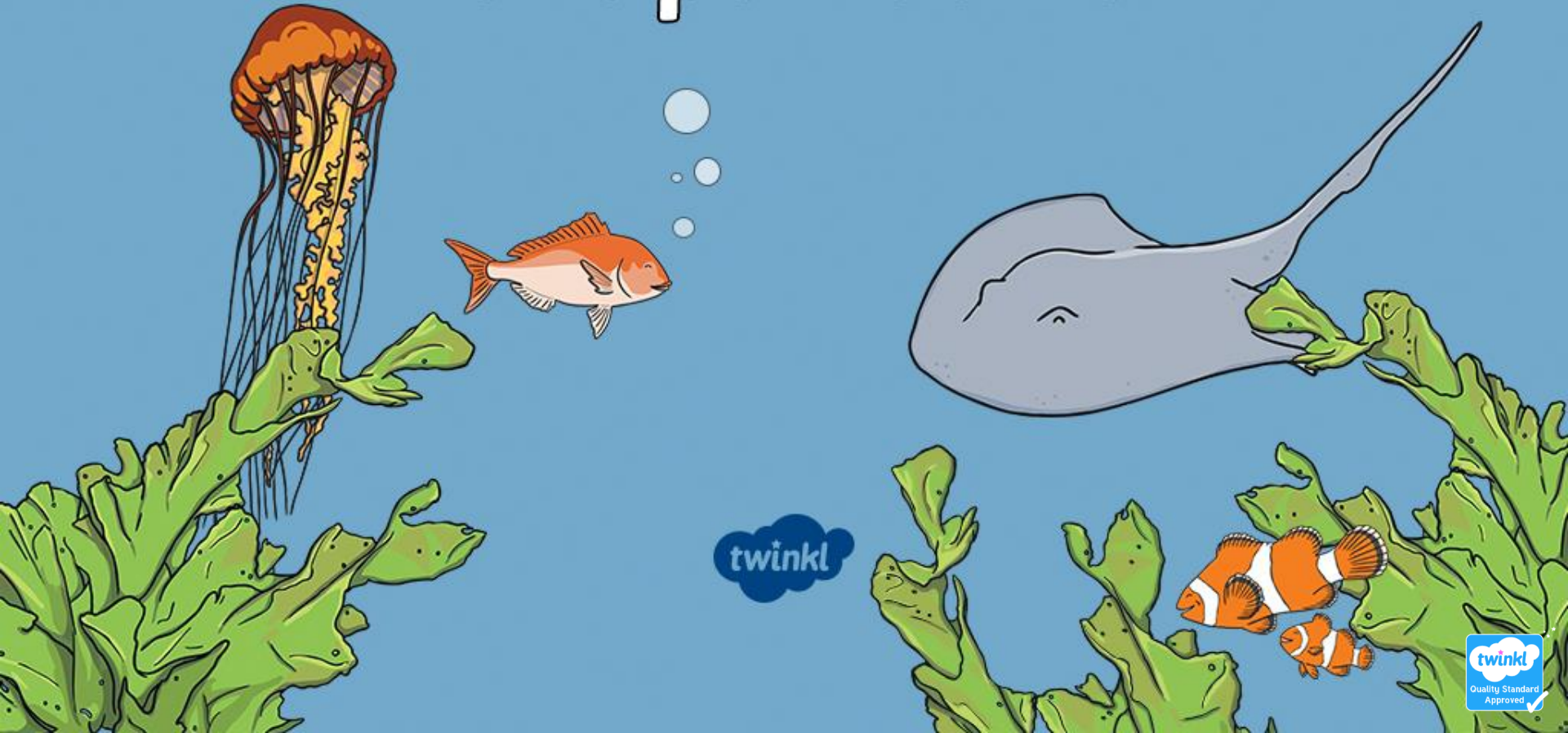




Creating Ocean Shape Poems



Learning Objective


To understand the features of shape poetry.

Success Criteria

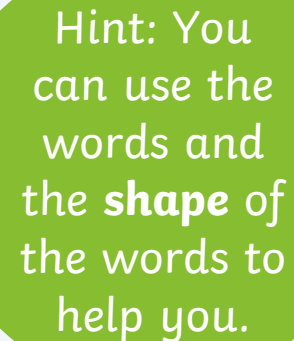
- I know that a shape poem describes an object, person or animal and the words of the poem form the shape of the object, person or animal being described.
- I understand that shape poetry doesn't have to rhyme.
- I can try to include alliteration and similes in my poem.
- I can create my own ocean-themed shape poem.

Shape Poems

Can you and a partner guess what these poems are describing?



They glide
across the
golden grass
gathering goblins
and gathering grasshoppers.
They giggle as they glide
above the ground.



Hint: You
can use the
words and
the **shape** of
the words to
help you.

Shape Poems



A
huge rock
that rumbles
and roars, wrecking
the ground all around it.

It shoots; sizzling, steaming, scorching lava
like a monster spitting out hot liquid into the air.

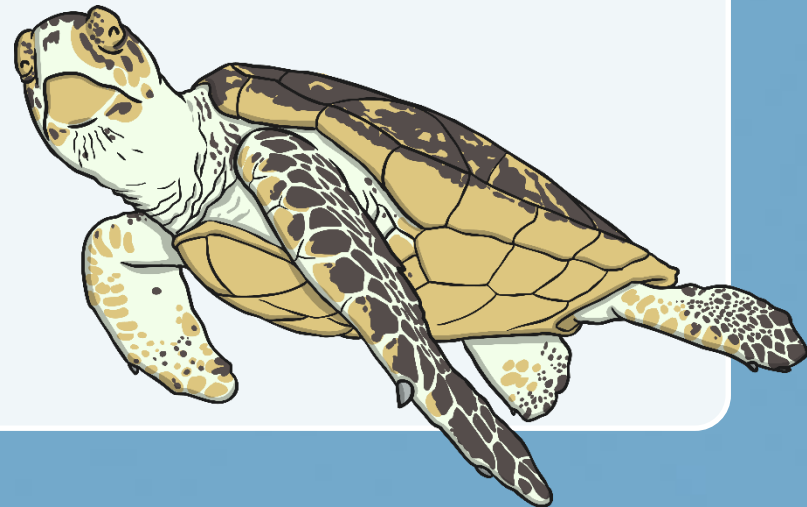
Like a smoking dragon, it finally starts to calm down.

The chaos stops and it goes back to being a deadly and dangerous rock.

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What is a Shape Poem?

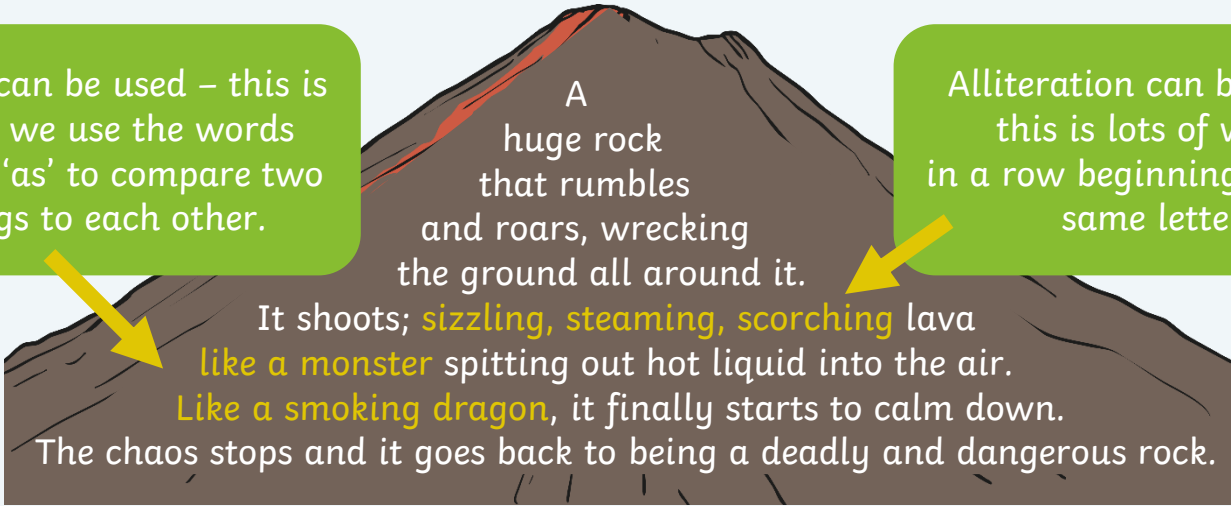
- A shape poem is a poem that describes an object, person or animal.
- The special thing about a shape poem is that the words of the poem form the shape of the object, person or animal being described.
- Shape poems don't have to rhyme!
- Shape poems can use full stops and capital letters like sentences.
- Shape poems often use alliteration or similes.



The Features of a Shape Poem

What did you notice about the shape poems we looked at?

Similes can be used – this is where we use the words 'like' or 'as' to compare two things to each other.



A
huge rock
that rumbles
and roars, wrecking
the ground all around it.

Alliteration can be used – this is lots of words in a row beginning with the same letter.

It shoots; **sizzling, steaming, scorching** lava
like a monster spitting out hot liquid into the air.
Like a smoking dragon, it finally starts to calm down.
The chaos stops and it goes back to being a deadly and dangerous rock.

Full stops and capital letters are used just like you would use in sentences.

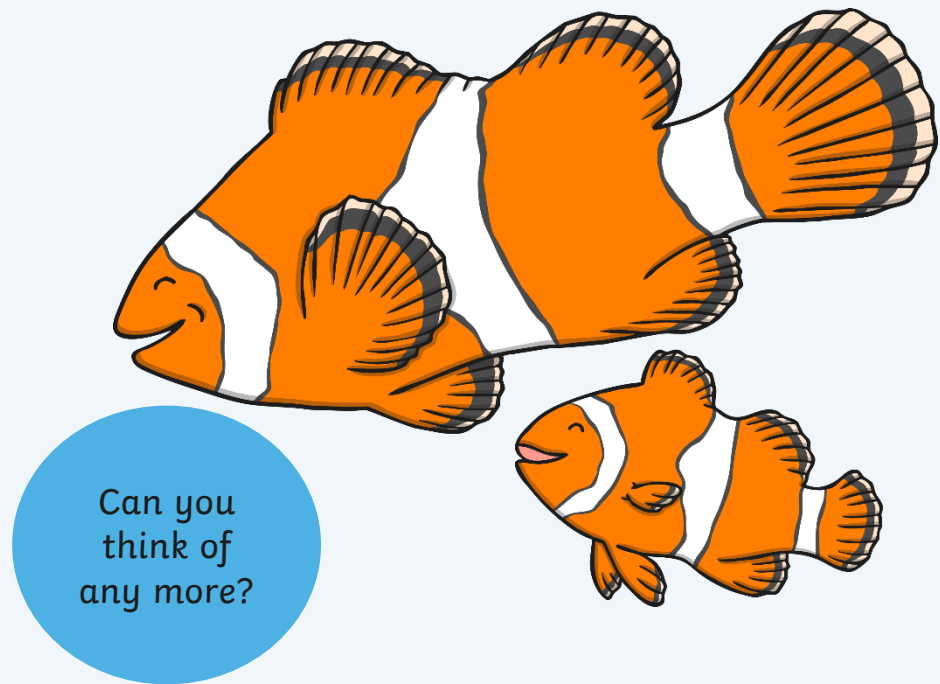
Each line can be a different length or be curved to form the shape of the object that is being described.

The lines don't have to rhyme.

Let's Try It!

First, let's choose something to describe with an ocean theme. Let's choose... a clownfish!

Next, we need to think of lots of adjectives or phrases which describe the clownfish...

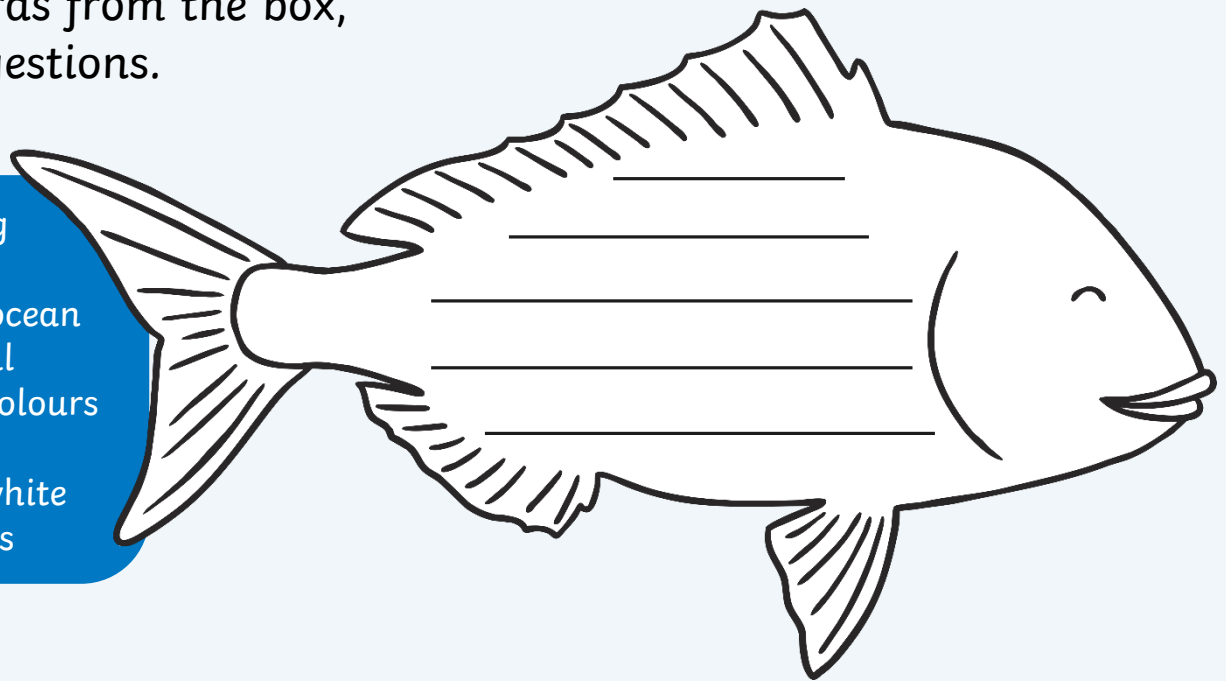


Let's Try It!

Here are some lines written using the adjectives and phrases that we thought of. Oh no, they're all mixed up! Can you put them into the right order to make the shape of a clownfish?

After using the words from the box, add your own suggestions.

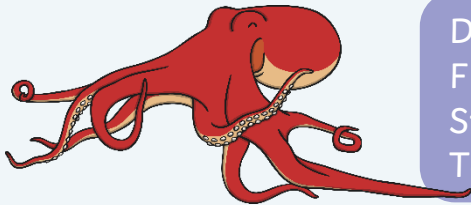
As quick as lightning
Dazzling to the eye
Swims through the ocean
Energetic and playful
Blinds me with his colours
Cheeky
Orange, black and white
Slippery, slimy scales



It's Your Turn

Let's make a shape poem describing ocean objects or animals.
As a group, choose 2 or 3 of these ocean objects or animals and think of some words or phrases to describe them.

Octopus



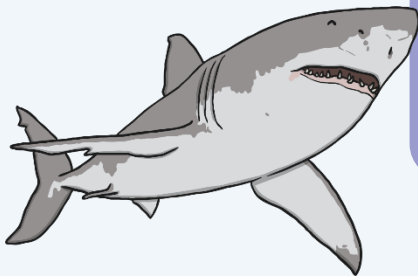
Deadly
Floats like a dream
Sticky suction cups
Tentacles

Storm



Dangerous
Rough seas
Wild

Shark



A hunter
Protective
Grey
Clever

Shipwreck



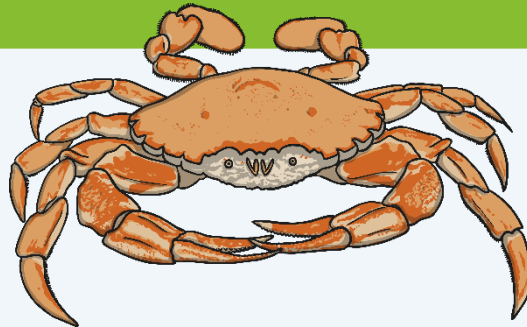
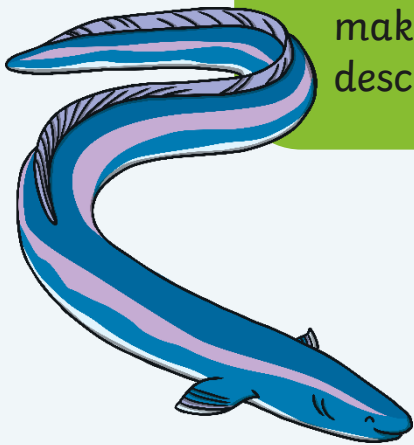
Explore
Mysterious
Broken wood
Enormous

It's Your Turn to Write a Shape Poem

Now, choose **one** object or animal from the ocean.

Using the ideas you came up with as a group and an outline of the object or animal you have chosen, create your shape poem.

- Remember to stay inside the lines of the picture, starting a new line when you get close to the edge.
- Don't forget to use full stops and capital letters.
- Try to use alliteration or similes if you can; this will make your shape poem more exciting and descriptive.

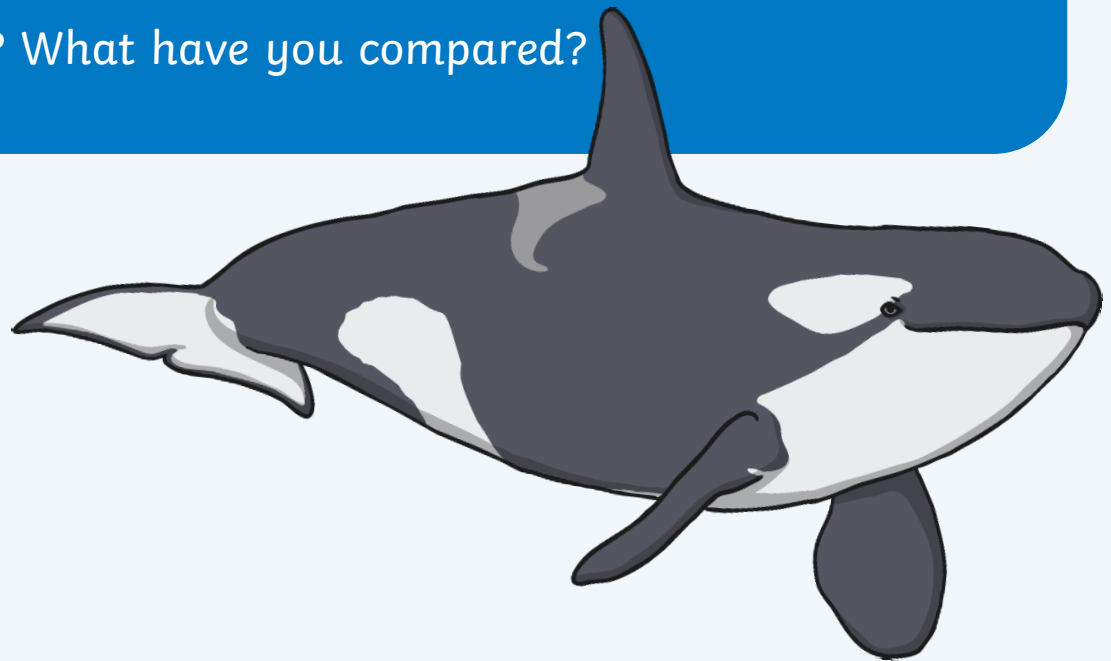


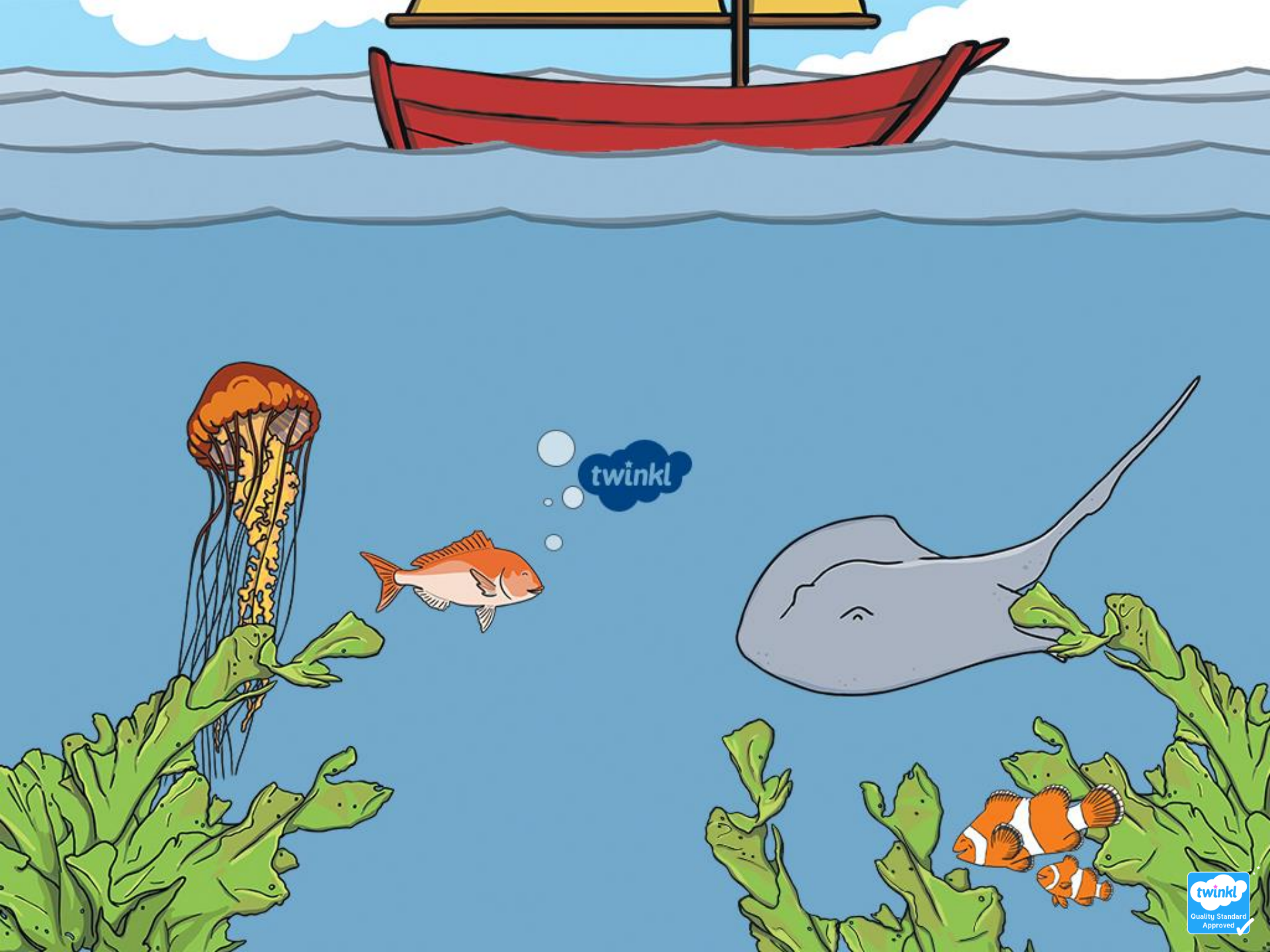
Plenary

Tell me a fantastic adjective that you have used in your shape poem.

Who can read out an example of where they have used alliteration?

Who has used a simile? What have you compared?





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