

I NEED MY MONSTER
WRITING and grammar mentor text unit

Through the blanket
I heard Gabe's soft,
comforting snorts.

Cut out the flap activity.
Glue it in your notebook.
Write the phrase using a possessive under the flap.

Name: **Answer Key**
Editing Assessment

Through the blanket I heard...
Gabe's soft, comforting snorts.

1. Circle the 2 mistakes in the sentence. Rewrite the sentence correctly:
Through the blanket I heard...
Gabe's soft, comforting snorts.

Add an adjective to each phrase, then rewrite to show possession.

2. the green, wavy, shiny panting of Herbert

Herbert's scary panting

3. the yellow, tall arm of Ralph

Ralph's stubby arm

4. the black, sharp claws of Cynthia

Cynthia's sharp claws

5. the long, red tongue of Mack

Mack's long tongue

My name is Melvin. I am a green monster. My body is oval-shaped like a potato and covered with warts. I look out from under my bed with my one blue eye, right in the middle of my head. You'll hear me before you see me, my big laugh is on top of my head, and my mouth is on top and 2 on the bottom. It's because I can't brush my teeth! My stubby arms won't reach, and I can hardly pick up a toothbrush with my fat fingers. I run around on four feet, and sometimes I trip on my long tail and flip over.

Two Levels of Writing Lesson

Mentor Sentences

"Well, aren't you a picky one," she sniffed, and then she sniffed, and then she was gone.

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Grammar Printables

Vivid Verbs and Awesome Adjectives

ANSWER KEY	Gabe	Herbert	Ralph	Cynthia	Mack
Breathing	raised nose whistling softly	mouth breathing panting			
Claws	scratching (shiny sharpening)	shiny and gaudy	puffed, dark, rather shiny	shiny	
Voice	growled	low, breathy	high, shiny	rasped	
Tail	unruly		shiny shimmering	shiny	
Other Scary Things	scary noises	spooky green toes	creeping scratching		

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Circle the letter under the column that matches the part of speech of the underlined word. Then fill in the letters at the bottom for the acrostic of the joke.

1. I missed his rugged breathing.
2. I climbed quietly out of bed so my parents wouldn't hear.
3. I waited nervously.
4. I knew that the substitute monster had arrived.
5. I heard some more scratching and I knew Ralph was gone.
6. Then I heard a shuffling noise.
7. Those fish scare me easily.
8. I'd like to start the evening with an ominous puddle of drool.
9. Green ooze spread soundlessly from underneath.
10. I could tell he wanted to know if I still needed him.

ANSWER KEY
Adjectives modify nouns.
Adverbs modify verbs.

THE BOOGEYMAN

1 2 3 4 5 5 6 3 7 8 9 10

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Quotation marks tell us what is being said in the sentence. A comma is used to separate the rest of the sentence from the quotation. Ending punctuation and command come before the end quotation marks.

"Good evening," said a low, breathy voice.

"Good evening," I replied. "But is that nail polish on your claws?" I asked.

"No, my tail is shiny," Mack replied.

"Why would I be afraid of a long tongue?" I asked.

"Oh, I don't know," he said, trying to sound terrifying.

"I really don't think you should send me away," he warned.

"I thought I would enjoy fishing, but I didn't," he explained.

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ANSWER KEY
what monster likes to dance about?

Descriptive Writing Lesson PLUS Writing Prompts

Reading and Vocabulary Activities

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Draw your partner's monster.

Answer Key

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Use the last and follow rows to help you infer the meaning of these words.

WORD ASSOCIATION

Associate the necessary words with the words, and reason your thinking.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

Answer some things that might cause anxiety.

ANSWER KEY

1. I missed his rugged breathing. (noun)
2. I heard some creaking under my bed. (verb)
3. Herbert was breathing quickly. (verb)
4. Mack was breathing under my bed. (verb)
5. His panting just wasn't scary enough. (verb)

ANSWER KEY

1. I saw something that might cause anxiety.
2. The lion roared in the tall grass. Why might he be roaring?
3. The bear clawed at the tree trunk. Why might he be clawing?
4. The wolf barked at the moon. Why might he be barking?
5. What is the ANTONYM of calm?
a. More noisy
b. Accept
c. Relaxed
d. Frightening