

SHIVERS!

The Pirate Who's Afraid of EVERYTHING

Teaching
Guide

DIALOGUE AND LANGUAGE PLAY ACTIVITIES

(continued)

3. **Settings and Silly Similes.** In *Shivers!: The Pirate Who's Afraid of EVERYTHING*, there are many silly similes, like “froze like a popsicle made of fear” on page 164. Write a description of your parents’ car, the bus you ride on, your sibling’s messy room, or the school cafeteria. Invent and include at least five silly similes in this description that will make your readers smile. *Common Core State Standards (Language): L.3.5.A., L.4.5.A., L.5.5.A. Common Core State Standards (Writing): W.3.10., W.4.10., W.5.10., W.6.10.*

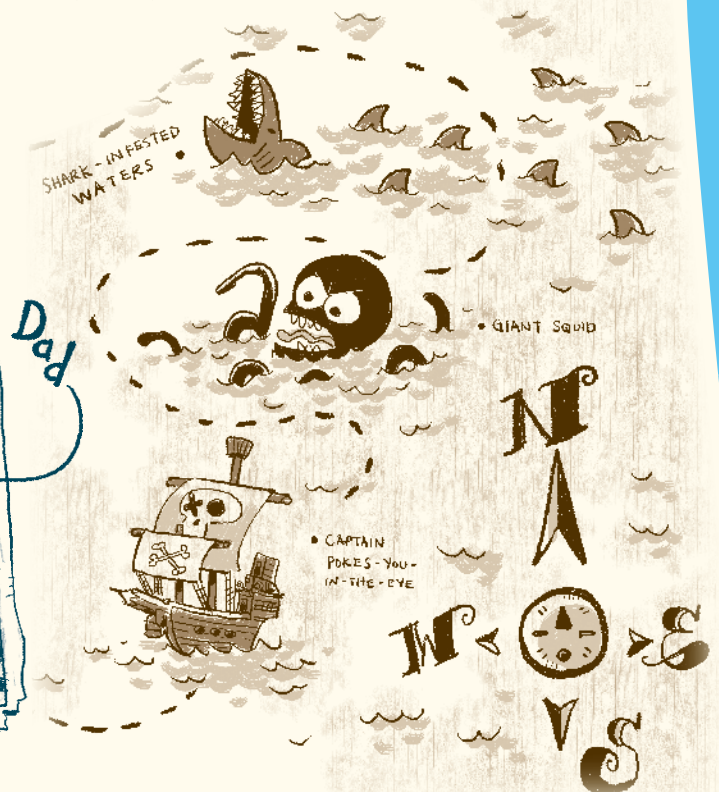
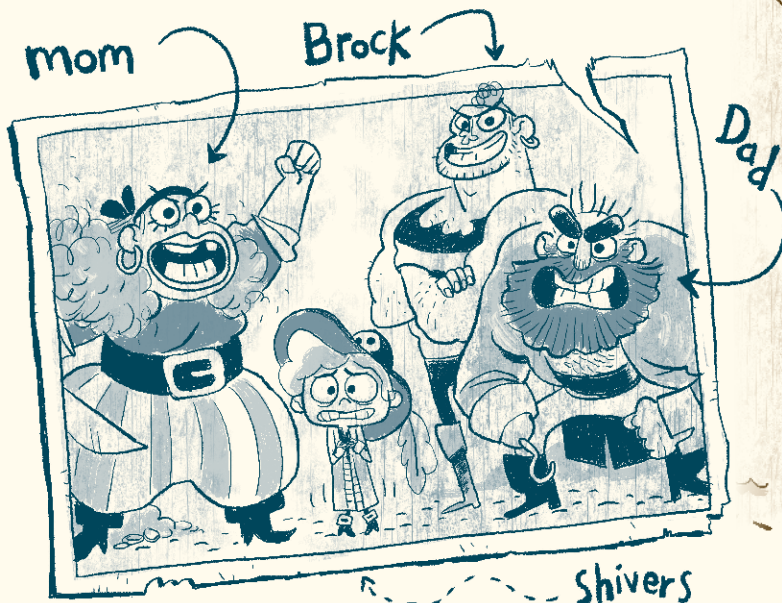
4. **Characterization with Word Crunches.** On page 109, Shivers uses the word *terrelieved* to explain that he is both terrified and relieved. Looking to Shivers for inspiration, brainstorm lots of words for feelings, and then crunch them, as he has. Use these new words to describe a character you invent, as well as this character’s main goal or problem. How does he or she reach the goal or solve the problem? Write a short tale that shows his or her success. *Common Core State Standards (Writing): W.3.3.A, W.3.3.B, W.3.3.C., W.3.3.D., W.4.3.A, W.4.3.B., W.4.3.C., W.4.3.D., W.4.3.E., W.5.3.A, W.5.3.B., W.5.3.C., W.5.3.D., W.5.3.E., W.6.3.A, W.6.3.B., W.6.3.C., W.6.3.D., W.6.3.E.*

5. **Story Plotting and Homophone Problems.**

In *Shivers!* the story’s plot relies on homophones that characters have mixed up, like ferry and fairy. Have students create a character who uses lots of homophones. Then ask your students to write a letter from that character to another, giving directions to a meeting, with at least five confusing homophones. Pair up students and have them exchange letters. After they read the letters, have students discuss what is confusing about each one.

Common Core State Standards (Language): L.4.1.G. Common Core State Standards (Writing): W.3.3.A, W.3.3.B, W.3.3.C., W.3.3.D., W.4.3.A, W.4.3.B., W.4.3.C., W.4.3.D., W.4.3.E., W.5.3.A, W.5.3.B., W.5.3.C., W.5.3.D., W.5.3.E., W.6.3.A, W.6.3.B., W.6.3.C., W.6.3.D., W.6.3.E.

Common Core State Standards (Writing) also addressed by most activities: W.3.4., W.4.4., W.5.4., W.6.4., W.3.5., W.4.5., W.5.5., W.6.5.



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