

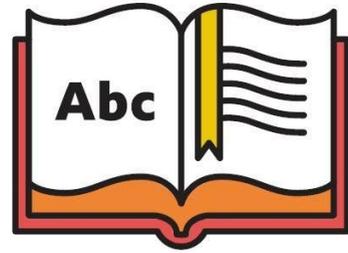
Making predictions and using context

Activity 1

Read the extracts below. They use some very unusual vocabulary that you probably don't know.

Use clues from the context to predict what the words in **bold** mean.

Write out your predictions in full sentences.



1. *Marvo swirled his black cape and tapped his top hat with his wand. The audience gasped as they waited for his next amazing **prestidigitation**.*

I think prestidigitation means...

2. *Lila held the snake gently in her hands. She had expected it to feel slimy, but it didn't. Its **squamous** skin was dry and smooth.*

3. *Kezia gazed up the shadowy stone stairs of the old tower. The passageway at the top was **tenebrous** and dim. Was someone - or something - lurking there?*

4. *Joe clung to the edge of the cliff. Small stones clattered past as his scrabbling hands tried to find a finger-hold. He risked a quick glance down. The **vertiginous** wall of rock disappeared into the churning waters far, far below. Joe closed his eyes and muttered, 'I think I might be in a bit of trouble.'*

5. *The girl was twisting and stretching in the dim light. A cloud covered the moon and when it cleared, the **metamorphosis** was complete. Where the strange kid had once stood, there was now ... a wolf!*