



## Use of English Spelling & Vocabulary Unit 18-5

Secondary students practise skills in a context that is appropriate and relevant to their needs.

Objective: Tricky words - English

*These are words you **must** spell correctly when you are writing about a fiction text.*

**Task:** Read the list of words in the box, noting the tricky part (in bold). Then **cover the list** and use the correct word to fill the gap in each sentence. Uncover the list and check your spelling.

author	paragraph	sentence	character
tragedy	imagery	simile	metaphor

1. The central \_\_\_\_\_ of 'Holes' is Stanley Yelnats.
2. In the opening \_\_\_\_\_, the mood is established through both detailed description and dialogue.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ helps the reader to imagine something by describing it as being like something else.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ takes this one step further, describing something as actually being something else.
5. These are examples of \_\_\_\_\_ – creating pictures in the reader's mind.
6. In a \_\_\_\_\_ such as 'Macbeth', the hero is destroyed by a fatal flaw in his character.
7. This short, simple \_\_\_\_\_ conveys the shock of what has happened.
8. Although I had not previously read any of Garth Nix's books, he is definitely an \_\_\_\_\_ I shall look out for in the future.

*Holes*: written by Louis Sachar. Garth Nix: author of fantasy and science-fiction novels such as *Sabriel* and *Shade's Children*.