

# Skellig

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**RECALL:**

Have a look at the plan that you made on Friday.

How many chunks will there be for this piece of writing?

What will you write about in the first paragraph?



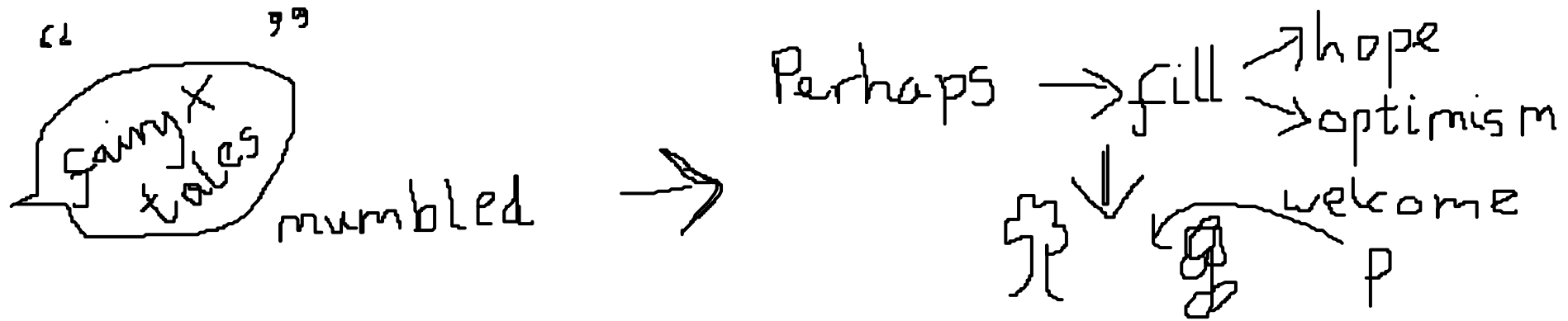
	Content	Features
1	Description of what Mina's mother can see and the story (myth) of the Greek goddess, Persephone.	<p>Myth</p> <p>Verbs to describe Persephone's escape.</p> <p>Description of spring - show growth.</p> <p>Relative clause (who)</p>
2	Dialogue between Michael and Mina's mother, which shows the reader how the two characters are feeling.	<p>Short speech sentence - show negative emotions.</p> <p>Longer speech to show character's calmness.</p> <p>Positive and hopeful replies</p> <p>Reporting clauses</p> <p>Inverted commas</p>
3	Dialogue and movement (actions) between Michael and Mina's mother, which shows the reader how the two characters are feeling and interacting with one another.	<p>Positive and hopeful replies</p> <p>Longer speech to show character's calmness.</p> <p>Inverted commas</p> <p>Body language and actions</p>



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## LO: Re-write a passage from Skellig

- Some will use show, not tell.
- Some will tell the reader about the character's feelings.
- Most will include a variety of language features.
- All will write using David Almond's style.





## Guided Write

Just before lunchtime, Mina's mother offered us a drink. I didn't feel like drinking or talking, but I thought I should be polite and accept the offer. I was wondering how I could politely leave. Then she sat next to us. She started talking. She was always chatty. She told us about the nests that were at the bottom of the garden. She had seen chicks feeding on insects. There was now an abundance of insects and plants in the garden. She was so proud that her garden was a bug hotel. She pointed to all the leaves and kept telling us that the trees are glowing. From nowhere, two fledglings appeared on the lawn, singing to each other. They flew off into the garden hedge full of energy. She described her garden as a sun trap and spring made it explode into life, after months of bitter cold weather. She told us about the goddess called Persephone, who was held hostage by Hades deep underground, during the harsh winter months. Hermes struck a deal and rescued her. When Persephone returned to earth so did the flowers. Flowers and plants started to grow again. The warmer weather filled the animals with courage to wake. Courageous plants burst into their former glory. Life returned.