



Activity title:	A Child's Christmas in Wales
Description:	Descriptive language 'Snow'.
Year groups:	KS2
Link to LNF:	Responding to what has been read * Comprehension Y3: <ul style="list-style-type: none">accurately identify the topic and main ideas of a text, e.g. by highlighting, using key words of the text Y4: <ul style="list-style-type: none">accurately identify the main points and supporting information in texts Y5: <ul style="list-style-type: none">show understanding of main ideas and significant details in texts * Response and analysis Y6: <ul style="list-style-type: none">collate and make connections
Dylan Thomas Text:	<i>A Child's Christmas in Wales</i>
Equipment required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Opening text: "One Christmas...and the firemen."Snow imagesSnow quotes and text marking activity sheetTaboo card example and template
Suggested procedure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shared reading of the opening text from <i>A Child's Christmas in Wales</i> (see Activity 1) and discuss title and themes in the story. Look at the weather in the opening scene.Discuss how Dylan created patterns of words that were linked by meaning.Using 'Snow' as the example. Read some of quotes from the text that use creative language to describe the weather. What do learners notice about the techniques used? (Alliteration, similes, metaphors, personification, hyphenating two or three words together...)Learners to use paragraph from p15 to text mark descriptive language relating to snow.Play 'Taboo' with the class. Can they list words that would describe snow but 'Premiership words' (crisp, silent, lace, rolling, gathering) not 'Championship words' (wet, cold, white, frozen)?Can learners work in pairs to create a 'Taboo' card for other 'Winter' theme words such as presents, tree, carols, decorations, etc.?Have a class game of Taboo



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Extension activities:

- Make a word cloud using snow words (www.wordle.net or apps like *Wordsalad*, *Cloudart*, *Visual Poetry*, *TagCloud* or *Word Collage*). The Snow images can be used as a stimulus.
- Overlay images of snow scenes with the descriptive words using *WordFoto* or *Typedraw* app.