

# The Alchemist's Letter

## Pirate Setting Description.

*My eye stung immediately from the bitter-sweet feel of alcohol in the air. **Rum**. A **silvery, sharpened shard** of glass reflected **a dagger of light** towards me as I nervously shifted my position. A chandelier, **which hung carelessly** from the uneven ceiling, sent the light in indiscriminate directions **like the flying of terrified fireflies**. Two once-colourful feathers lay gathering dust under a perch; their dye absorbed away into the shadowy staleness of the room. The **darkness was a deathly cloak**. To the left I noticed a **forlorn flag folded** over a driftwood stool. A large jacket, **as black as the depth of night**, had been dropped haphazardly to the floor beside a makeshift bed.*

*A **soft singing sound** came from the wind as it swirled through the **shattered shutters**. Then **a roar like thunder** boomed and shook the room as one shutter fell from its hinges to the sodden ground. The air was **as damp as a cushion** left out in the rain.*

*Peering to the right, I shuddered to see four dulled swords and a space where one more had once lived. I backed away feeling the golden grains of sand rise between my toes.*

Single word sentence

Simile

Metaphor

Alliteration

Personification


Look carefully at how these devices have been used in the pirate description.

**Imagine that sometime after Veridion left, you were walking through the woods and noticed that the cottage door was swinging open. This tempted you to take a look inside. Write your own setting description on the next page.**

**Try to use some of the above devices in your writing.**

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A vintage pocket watch with a dark metal case and a chain. The watch face is light-colored with black Roman numerals for the hours. The main hand points to approximately 10:10, and there is a smaller sub-dial at the bottom left of the main face. The watch is positioned in the bottom right corner of the page.