

## A Monster Calls Extension Homework Tasks



Each week, your class teacher will set you some 'A Monster Calls' reading to do at home. Your class teacher will quiz you in class to make sure that you have completed and understood the reading.

If you would like to do more, then here are some weekly extension tasks! They are completely optional.

## Week 1

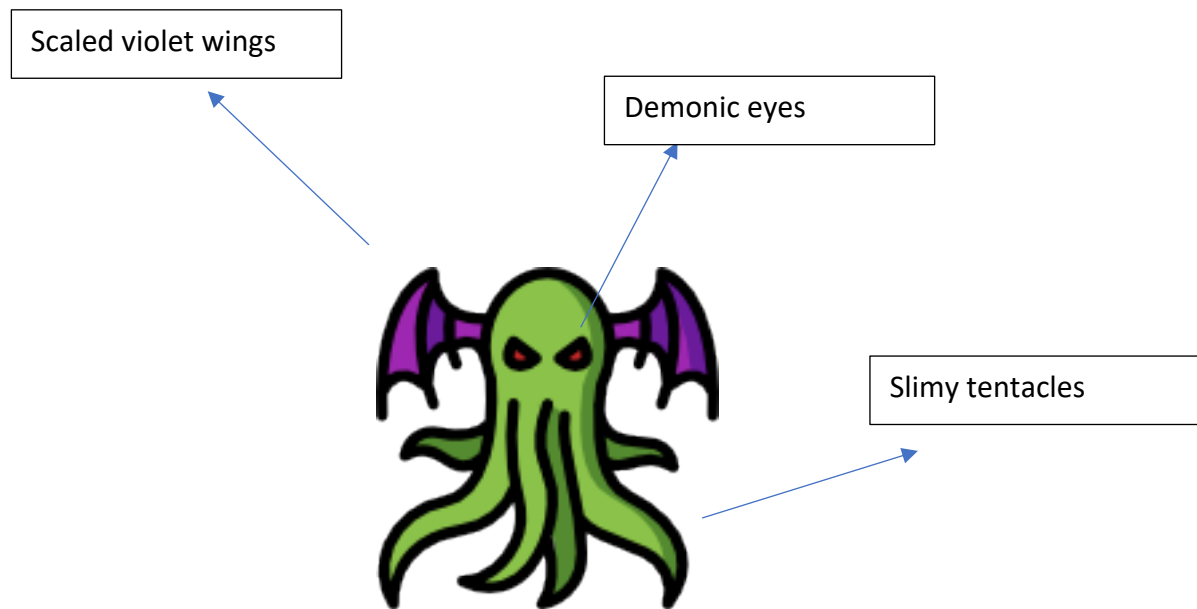
Design your own monster and then write a description of it.

Step 1: Draw your monster

Step 2: Label its features

Step 3: Write a descriptive paragraph.

For example:



The repulsive monster slithered towards the house leaving a trail of slime in its wake. Vivid red beams of light shone out of its eyes and pierced through the darkness. It was the most devilish thing I had ever seen.

## Week 2

Write your own script between The Monster and Conor at this point in the story:



Remember, if it is a script you will also include stage directions which give more information about how the character is speaking and moving.

For example:

The Monster: (peering into Conor's window) I have come for you Conor O'Malley.

Connor: (edging away from the window) Who are you?

The Monster: (bellowing) You know who I am, Conor O'Malley!

### Week 3

**Task:** Read the BBC article 'Why I wrote a Monster Calls'. In your own words, summarise why Ness decided to write the novel.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-14308543>

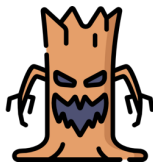
### Week 4

Write down your impressions of the following characters. You might like to just bullet point your ideas.

Conor



The Monster



-Mysterious

Grandma



-Different to 'normal'  
grandmas

Lily



## Week 5

Write a diary entry from the perspective of a character of your choice.

## Week 6

Write a short story that is inspired by any of the themes that are present in *A Monster Calls*. The story can be about anything you like, but it should be inspired by one of the following themes:

FAMILY  
GRIEF  
HIDDEN EMOTIONS  
TRUTH  
PEOPLE ARE COMPLICATED  
BEREAVEMENT  
FRIENDSHIP

You will find some helpful tips here: <https://tra-resources.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/entries/document/4137/AMC-Creative-Writing-Pack-Web.pdf>

## Week 7

Write a book review of 'A Monster Calls'. Would you recommend this book to others?

Here are some tips on how to write a review:  
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/writing-tips/writing-tips-for-teens/how-to-write-a-book-review/#!?q=&sortOption=MostRecent&pageNo=1>