Language Feature	Example(s)	Have I included it?
 Using commas to separate lists of adjectives 	short, round, hairy creature	
Starting sentences with an adverb or conjunction	Suddenly / Before long / Next to me, I noticed	
Using powerful verbs	darted / dashed / glared / blazed / bellowed	
Using powerful adjectives	colossal / immense / terrifying / horrific	
Including a rhetorical question	Was there anywhere more beautiful than this? / Was I dreaming?	
Using the passive voice	My attention was stolen <u>by</u> a rustle of leaves at my feet	
Using modal verbs	could / would / should / might	
Including prepositions	The sun blazed high above me / Beneath me, the ground was	
Including a simile	It was as cold as ice / The bark was as thick as lead	
Including alliteration	The dark, damp, dingy woods	
Including a metaphor	A blanket of ash covered the land	
Including personification	The sun wrapped me up in a blanket of warmth / The waves gently kissed the shore / The trees danced in the breeze	