

The figure in the graveyard – Worksheet 5b

Activity 1: The words in the left-hand column of the table below are taken from the extract from *The Woman in Black* (*Student's Book*, p. 30). What connotations do these words have for you? Complete the middle column with your ideas.

Activity 2: Once you have read the extract from *The Woman in Black*, complete the right-hand column of the table below by describing the effect each word has on the reader.

WORD	CONNOTATIONS	EFFECT
struggled	Panic and suffering, someone trying to escape	This word is effective because ...
decayed		
morbid		
satanic		

Activity 3: With a partner, choose three sentences that you find particularly effective in the extract from *The Woman in Black* and complete the table below.

SENTENCE	WHY THE SENTENCE IS EFFECTIVE
'No names or dates were now decipherable, and the whole place had a decayed and abandoned air.'	This description of the burial ground emphasises the emptiness and loneliness of the place, adding a sense of eeriness and an expectation that something might happen.