

Excellent – Year 8 Reading

Task: How does the writer use language to develop a sense of unease in the opening of the text?

The writer **exaggerates** the harsh weather conditions in the opening of the text stating **"The road's a torrent."** This makes us think of the road as a fast-paced river. This gives the impression that the house is difficult to access and is cut-off from civilisation. Mr White adds to this with his comment of the house being in the most **"beastly, out-of-the-way places"** This produces a sense of unease because of the use of the **noun** 'torrent' which creates an image of a raging river. The **weather is used to create a sense of tension** and a gothic setting, full of mystery and terror. The danger it creates makes it seem uneasy.

Use of **subject terminology** shows **perceptive understanding** of language choices.

Evidence from the text [**quotations**] are used effectively to show deeper understanding.

Developed **connotations** to show insightful, thoughtful understanding of the text.

Clear understanding of the **writer making choices** about language and structure and how this **affects the reader**.

Paragraphs show **clear** and **consistent depth** to the understanding which goes **beyond the explicit** meanings.

Evidence from the text is **chosen carefully**, with consideration for the deeper meaning within the text.