

Secure – Year 9 Reading

Task: How does the writer use language to show the narrator's feelings towards the dog?

The boy discovers a neighbour's dog has been killed with a garden fork. You can see he knows the dog, as in the line, the dog "was called Wellington." He knows the name. The verb "called" suggests that the dog had an owner. This could give the reader the impression that somebody who had been angered by the owner had killed the dog. This suggests that this was a murder. The writer wanted the reader to feel a sense of mystery surrounding the dog and his relationship with the narrator. By having this uncertainty at the beginning, we get a sense that the narrator is feeling betrayed and a sense of loss for the dog.

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

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

Some **connotations** show a clear understanding of the text but are more explicit.

Understands that the **writer makes choices** about language and structure and how this **affects the reader**.

Paragraphs show **clear understanding** of the text using **relevant evidence** to support ideas.

Analysis, shown through **connotations** is evident, but more explicit than implicit.