

# Y6 Autumn 3: The Alchemist's Letter

## Vocabulary

Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives
cogs	orbiting	residual
offspring	crafted	grieving
memories	rotate	abandoned
florence flask	metamorphose	unique
Veridian	survey	prosperous
Alchemist	ignite	inquisitive
fragments	regret	glinting
machine	abandon	translucent
parchment	ebb	uninhabited
fuel	engulf	alluring
father	embrace	forsaken
embryo	rejection	intricate
daughter	retrospect	bewitched
treasures	realise	incandescent
contraption	neglect	remarkable
gears	cascade	marvellous
invention	transform	ethereal
wax seal	inspect	magnificent
device	fathom	grandiose
orphan	scribe	seductive
ratchet wheel	reorientate	cursed
pivot	reflecting	fascinating
soul	fabricate	illusory
pocket watch	reflect	visionary
consciousness	explain	radiant
cylinders	transform	elegant
components	howling	meticulous
mechanism	construct	intrigued
carriage	conceive	preoccupied
	Ameliorate	captivating

## Spellings

Prefix dis, un, over, im	Words with the / f/ sound spelt ph
disappointed	graph
dissatisfied	pheasant
dissimilar	phone
unsure	photo
unnecessary	physical
unnatural	alphabet
overseas	dolphin
overrule	elephant
overreact	pamphlet
impatient	sphere

## Modal Verbs

Modal verbs are auxiliary verbs which cannot usually work alone. They are used with a main verb. These are **modal verbs**:

might

will

may

should

could

would

ought

must

shall

can



## Colon, Semi-Colon or Dash?

What do you know about these three punctuation marks? Tell your partner.

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A colon can be used to:

- introduce a list
- separate two independent clauses when the second clause explains or illustrates the first clause

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A semi-colon can be used to:

- separate items in a list
- separate two **closely related** independent clauses instead of using a conjunction

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A dash can be used to:

- indicate parenthesis within a sentence
- separate two independent clauses (more commonly used in informal writing)

Do you and your partner agree?

## Pathetic Fallacy

Using weather or atmosphere to reflect the mood of a character or plot.

