

## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

Kari Herbert sympathises with both hunter and hunted. The writer's central purposes are to convey the tension of the subject but also its beauty. You need to examine the different ways in which the writer does these things within the same passage. Copy and complete the following table with answers and evidence from the extract.

▼ QUESTION	▼ ANSWER AND EVIDENCE
Why do the Inughuit hunt the narwhal? Find as many reasons as you can.	1 Narwhal meat provides food – 'a valuable part of the diet for both man and dogs'. 2 3
What details show the difficulties and dangers faced by the Inughuit in the hunt?	1 2 3
What details show the writer's respect and sympathy for the narwhal?	1 2 3

## EXPLORING LANGUAGE

The extract has many purposes and the writer uses language in different ways to fulfil these. She uses description to convey the beauty of the setting, gives the reader information about the Inughuit and the narwhal, dramatises the hunt and gives the reader an insight into her own thoughts and feelings. Copy and complete the following table to help you sort out these various strands.

▼ LANGUAGE USE	▼ EVIDENCE
Language to convey the effects of light.	1 A 'glittering kingdom'. 2 3
Language to give information: factual, scientific, other specialised language.	1 Precise scientific language makes the information more authoritative – for example, '[Its] mattak or blubber... is rich in necessary minerals and vitamins'. 2 3
Language to create tension.	1 The way the women react suggests their nervousness – for example, 'spinning round at a small gasp'. 2 3
Language to show the conflict in the writer's personal feelings and thoughts.	1 2 3