

Monday 27th January 2020

We are learning to evaluate and edit our writing by proposing reasoned changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and ~~clarify~~ clarify meaning.

Dear Diary,

The ship that we were on rocked and rocked, yet we seemed to be standing still. Surely, the land of the dead had to be near. I told everyone that we had to make it on foot. After stopping the boat and stepping into the icy water, we stared into ~~the~~ the depths of the ocean. ~~I~~ We must have been there for a good minute, since we felt tired and just wanted to fall asleep. Every step we took, we felt that I was being dragged ~~to~~ down into the ^{rocky sea} river. We must be near, I thought, and as soon as I said that, a thick ^{mist} fog covered the sea. It was difficult to ~~see~~ make out what was behind the fog but we pushed onwards ^{showing} pushing anything in our way. All that we had to do was make it to the ~~other~~ other side and find the prophet. When I saw figures in the water, I calmed them by ~~so~~ sacrificing a goat that we had found. After looking ^{and} staring, we finally found Tiresias the ~~pr~~ prophet and guided him to the blood.

His empty ~~+~~ eyes suddenly flickered with a pale light and he was finally conscious. Tiresias stared at ~~my~~ me with a pity. He told me that to be able to continue my journey, I would ^{need to} find an island. This island would be home to a cattle of sheep. ~~I~~ If I were to set a foot on the grass, feast on the cattle or ruin the ancient rock, Hyperion (God of the Sun) would have his revenge. ~~A~~ After overcoming this danger, I would have to leave my ship, my crew, my resources behind and head to the crossroads. Here, people would not understand ~~+~~ why ~~I~~ why ~~I~~ I have an oar since they do not know ^{what water} the sea. ~~I~~ You are truly nobody ^{with people} there. After ~~not~~ making a sacrifice, I should gain Poseidon's

trust. ~~I~~ I would finally make it home.

~~I~~ I thought hard about ~~+~~ what I had just been told. Was it possible to complete that task? Would ~~I~~ I ever make it back to my family? I hoped so. Suddenly, out of nowhere, I saw a woman ~~+~~ who shined ~~+~~ brighter than the ^{others} rest. I could recognise that gaze anywhere. It was the gaze of ~~the~~ my ^{long lost} mother. How could she have died; she ~~was~~ was perfectly fine before I had left. Suddenly, I fell back - how could this have happened? How could I leave her behind? ~~I~~ She is my mother after all. My crew stared at me with confusion, ^{swathing} their heads, eyebrows raising. ~~I~~ They did not understand, the pain that I felt: I just wanted to see her one ~~more~~ more time but we had to make it home ~~alive~~.

^{pulled} I pushed myself upwards and ran for my life ~~+~~, even though I just couldn't bare to see my mother like this. Everyone else was more confused than ever ~~+~~ and ^{they} just ran with me, hoping that I could explain along the way. ~~I~~ I ran and ran and ran until my legs ~~could~~ couldn't run any more yet the memory crept up on me, ~~wherever~~ wherever I went. ~~One~~ making it back to the ship, everyone ^{stared} looked at me, wanting to know why I had ran. I was sure that the rest of my family was fine but I felt shaken. We didn't set sail, didn't move. Not until the thought of ~~me~~ Tiresias ^{message} entered my mind. We ^{set sail} moved, yet I felt that I was deep, deep below ^{under} the ^{sea} ocean. I ~~was~~ was heartbroken and knew that ~~I~~ I should not have come ^{to} on this trip. ~~war~~. I had no choice but to move on.

Feedback: I think you need to work on taking your time and reading your learning. I agree that I should look back on my writing.