Slog's Dad
Before Reading

1. Choose any fantastic story you know and tell it to your colleagues.

2. What associations do you have for the following? Can you guess what they might be?

Treasure Island   Woodbines
Faith of Our Fathers   Hail Glorious Saint Patrick

3. Imagine that you have overheard the following conversations.

- The doctor said it's nowt, but he's staying in bed today, and he's going to hospital tomorrow. What's it mean, Davie?

- How should I know? Slog, man, howay, Slogger, man!

- It's alreet. I know you divent want to come too close. They tell us if I get to Heaven I'll get them back again. What d'you think of that, Davie?

- Dunno, Mr Mickley.

What can you say about the people talking? Which words in the dialogues have helped you?

Are they rich?   How old are they?
Are they well educated?   Where are they from?

4. Replace the <u>underlined</u> words with a synonym (another word with a very similar meaning) or an explanation, and put them into the correct category.

- "Come here" he <u>whispered.</u>
- I <u>shielded</u> my eyes
- … his hands <u>resting</u> on the top of the stick.
- He raised his arm and <u>waved</u> .
- "Aye", I <u>muttered</u>.
- He <u>nodded</u> across the square.
- I didn't mean to <u>yell</u> at him.
- He <u>tugged</u> my arm
- "How should I know?" I said. I <u>shrugged</u>
- Mrs Mickly <u>stroked</u> her husband's head and gently kissed his cheek.

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movements and gestures *nod*	manner of speaking

5. Match the words and their meaning. *Example*: 1j

to shield	a. to cry extremely loudly
to rest	b .to touch with a gentle movement of the hand
to wave	c. to point with your head at something/ somebody
to mutter	d. to place something gently
to nod	e. to say something unclearly, to mumble
to yell	f. to pull
to tug	g. to close tightly together
to shrug	h. to greet or to bid farewell with a hand swing
to stroke	i. to show that you are not interested in something or that you do not care about something
to grit	j. to protect one's eyes from the sun with a hand

6. Order these words from the quietest to the loudest:

shout   *whisper*   *say*

cry   *yell*   *mutter*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

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