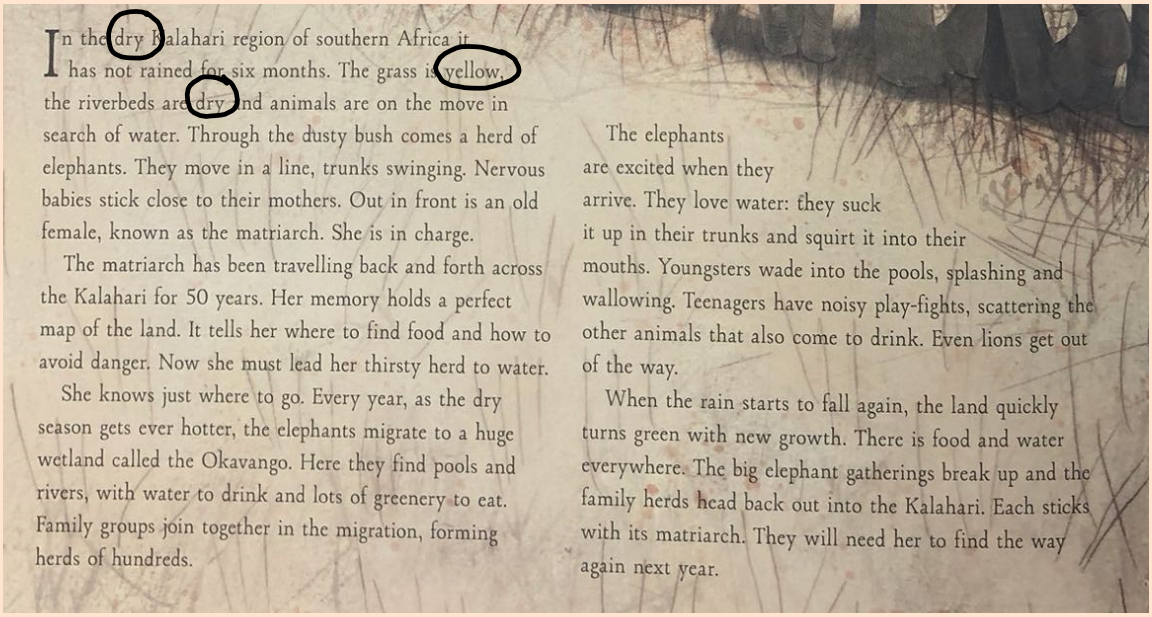
Thursday 11th March 2021

LO: To identify description of a setting in the book 'Migration'

Let's look back at our book 'Migration'

Read the page about the elephants

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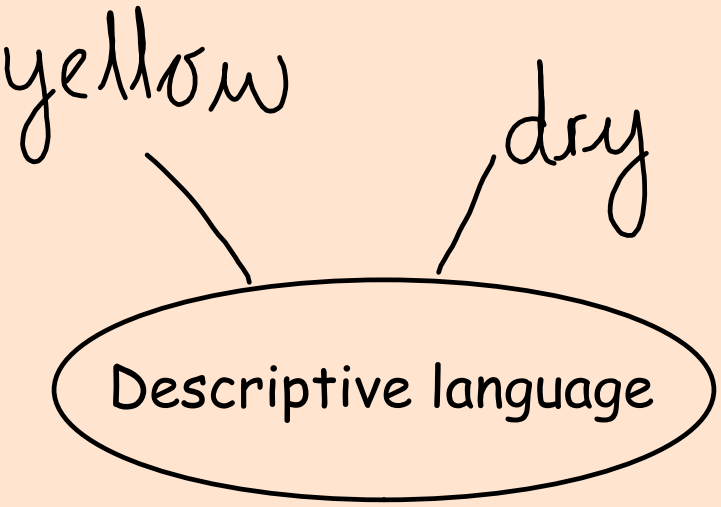
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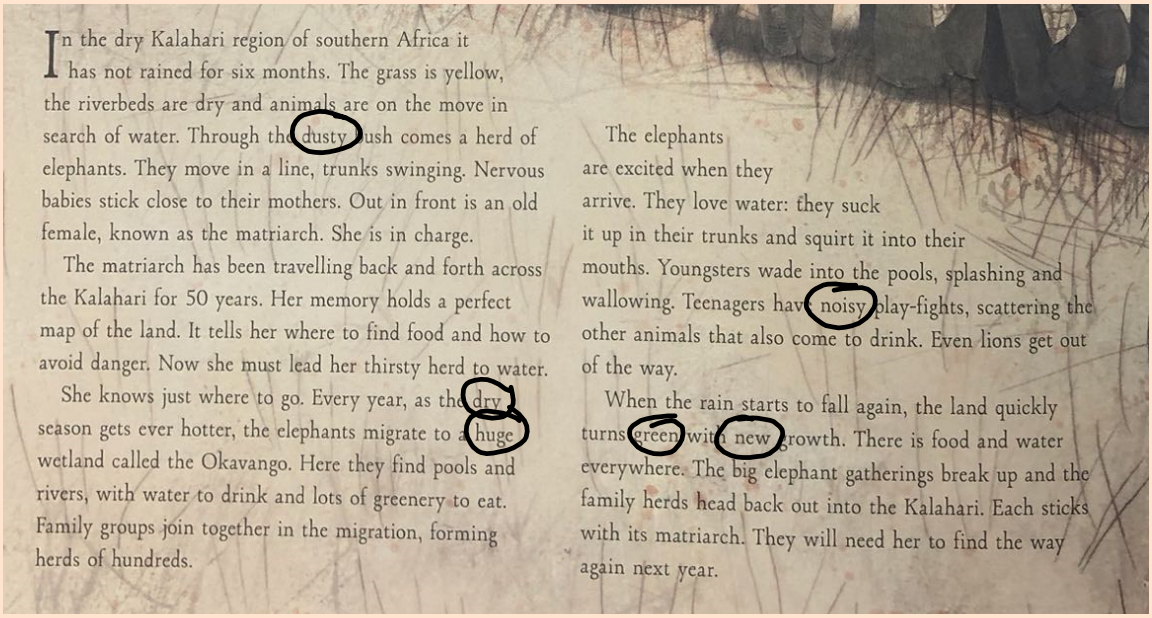
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We are going to look for description in this paragraph

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We do



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Challenge

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