

Grammar Passage:

Icebergs floated all around, like gigantic white beasts asleep in the water. When would they awake? In the sunlight, their whiteness sparkled, dazzling the eyes. When there was a mist they emerged like the silent ghosts of sunken ships. On clear nights, the moonlight slipped off them as if they were made of green glass.

The Fortune Bey towed its captive, dragging it through the dark blue water of the ocean. The turbaned figure at the front of the ship pointed the way, and the iceberg followed silently, like a wild beast of the seas that had been hunted and caught. A swathe of foam trailed behind, marking its journey. Captain Wrick sailed skilfully, as careful and as cautious as a trainer learning to tame a jungle cat.

FOCUS ON SIMILES:

In 'Bartlett and the Ice Voyage', we have come across many similes that the author has used. Below are a few similes that the author has used in Chapter 11. See if you can match the correct similes together. An example has been done for you.

The moonlight slipped off the icebergs	like	gigantic white beasts asleep in the water
Captain Wrick sailed as carefully	as	If they were made of green glass
Icebergs floated all around	like	the silent ghosts of sunken ships
The icebergs emerged	as	a trainer learning to tame a jungle cat



If you were the author, how would you complete the similes below?

- The moonlight slipped off the icebergs as/like _____
- The iceberg followed silently like/as _____

With a partner, create a simile about one of the following characters doing an action during the Ice Voyage (e.g. sailing, jumping, tying the knot, vomiting, laughing, sweeping the sand off the deck, etc). The characters you may choose from are:

Bartlett, Jacques, Captain Wrick, Michael or the sailors.
