

Look at the word clouds below, based on the most common words found in the opening pages of two famous children's books.

- Can you identify which novels they are from, simply by using the lexis? Look for lexical clues to help you, such as examples of informal, archaic or obsolete lexis etc.
- Which kinds of words feature most frequently? The larger the word, the more frequently it is used in the text.
- How many different lexical fields can you identify? For example, you might notice that there is a lexical field of spying in Text B (spying, discover, pretending etc.). Make a list for each text, with example lexis.
- How do the word choices and lexical fields compare in each text?
- What conclusions, if any, can you draw about the writers' lexical choices?

Text A:

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