

Poetry Adventures with Leo

Learning objective: To identify and use poetic devices such as similes, metaphors, and alliteration to create imagery.

Read the poem written by Leo the Lion and answer the questions below. Think carefully about the words he has chosen to describe the forest.

The Golden Woodland

Silver streams slide softly by,
Underneath a sapphire sky.
The wind is a whisper, a secret told,
While the autumn leaves turn bright and bold.

The towering pines are like giant guards,
Standing watch over mossy yards.
Golden sunlight dances on the floor,
Opening a magical, woodland door.

Word bank: Simile · Metaphor · Alliteration · Rhythm · Imagery

1. Find an example of alliteration in the first stanza. Why do you think Leo used it here? (2 marks)

2. Leo writes: 'The wind is a whisper'. Is this a simile or a metaphor? Explain how you know. (2 marks)

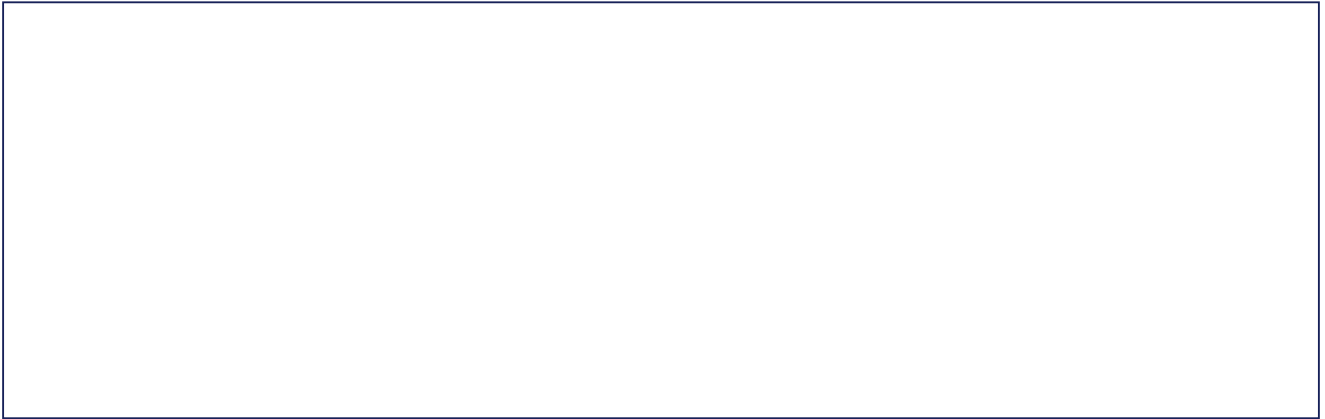
3. Which line uses a simile to describe the pine trees? Copy the line exactly. (1 mark)

4. What colour is the sky in this poem, and what word does the poet use to describe it? (1 mark)

5. How does the poem make you feel? Use a word from the word bank to explain how the imagery helps you imagine the scene. (2 marks)

6. If you were walking through the Golden Woodland, what is one sound you might hear?
Write a short line of poetry to describe it using a simile. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the 'towering pines' and the 'silver streams' as Leo described them in his poem.



Extension challenge: Can you rewrite the third stanza using different adjectives to change the mood of the forest from peaceful to spooky?