

Leo's Poetry Adventure: Sentence Structure

Learning objective: To use a variety of sentence structures, including expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials, to add detail to a description.

Leo the Lion is writing a poem about a magical forest, but he needs your help to make his sentences more exciting! Use the template to describe the forest. Make sure you use different types of sentences to make your writing flow and paint a clear picture for the reader.

Word bank: shimmering · carefully · ancient · suddenly · emerald · whispering · beyond the hills · gracefully

1. The Forest Setting: Write a sentence using an expanded noun phrase to describe the trees (e.g. The tall, ancient trees with silver leaves). (2 marks)

2. First Discoveries: Start your sentence with a fronted adverbial to tell us where or when something is happening (e.g. In the distance, ...). (2 marks)

3. Animal Encounters: Write a sentence describing a creature using a conjunction like 'because', 'although' or 'while' to add more information. (2 marks)

4. Sensory Details: Describe a sound or a smell using an adverb to explain how it happens (e.g. The wind howled loudly). (2 marks)

5. The Big Surprise: Use a short, punchy sentence to create a feeling of excitement or suspense. (2 marks)

6. Leo's Reaction: Write a complex sentence explaining how Leo feels about the forest and why. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you swap your work with a partner and circle one fronted adverbial and one expanded noun phrase they have used?