Creative Character Portraits: Using Figurative Language

Learning objective: To identify and use similes, metaphors, and personification to describe a character's appearance and personality.

Join Max the monkey in his secret laboratory! He loves to analyse characters by breaking them down into colourful descriptions. Use the sections below to create a detailed description of an original character. Remember to use figurative language to make your writing sparkle!

Word bank: shimmering · as brave as a lion · a tower of strength · whispering winds · like a golden sun · danced · courageous · the stars winked · fierce · gentle

1. Character Name and Role: Who is your character and what is their main job or quest? (2 marks)

2. Simile Spotlight: Describe your character's appearance using a simile (e.g., 'Her hair was like a flowing river'). (3 marks)

3. Metaphor Magic: Write a metaphor to describe your character's personality (e.g., 'He is a stormy sea of energy'). (3 marks)

4. Personification Play: Describe the setting around your character using personification (e.g., 'The trees whispered secrets to the sky'). (3 marks)

5. Final Flourish: Why does this character love their home? Use one more piece of figurative language in your answer. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Choose one of your sentences and try to rewrite it using a different type of figurative language. For example, if you used a simile, can you turn it into a metaphor?