

The Festive Narrative Planner: A Christmas Story

Learning objective: To plan and structure a creative narrative using descriptive language, character development, and a clear story arc.

Use this template to help Max and Leo organise their festive story. Think about your setting, the magical atmosphere, and the challenge your characters must overcome before the Christmas celebrations begin. Remember to use expanded noun phrases and varied sentence structures to make your writing sparkle.

Word bank: enchanting · festive · atmosphere · anticipation · starry · tinsel · shimmering · climax · resolution · characterisation · sensory details

1. Character Introduction: Describe your main character. What is their personality like, and what is their goal for this Christmas Eve? (3 marks)

2. Setting the Scene: Describe the setting using your five senses. How does it smell, look, and sound in the middle of winter? (3 marks)

3. The Festive Problem: What unexpected challenge happens that threatens to ruin the holiday celebrations? Explain why this is a difficult situation. (4 marks)

4. The Turning Point: Justify the actions your character takes to solve the problem. How do they show bravery or kindness? (4 marks)

5. The Resolution: Describe how the story ends. Compare and contrast how your character feels at the beginning of the story versus the end. (3 marks)

6. Vocabulary Challenge: Select three words from the word bank and explain how they add depth to your story's atmosphere. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine your story is being read aloud to a large audience. What might happen if you changed the perspective from the main character to an object in the room? Write a paragraph justifying why this change would alter the reader's understanding of the festive events.