

Creative Writing Assessment: Crafting Enchanted Worlds

Learning objective: To demonstrate the ability to use expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, and adventurous vocabulary to create an engaging narrative setting.

Read the following prompt carefully and complete the questions. Ensure your writing is punctuated accurately and uses a wide range of vocabulary to create a vivid atmosphere.

Nova the owl flew silently over the Whispering Woods. Below, the trees glowed with a soft, bioluminescent light. She landed on an ancient oak branch and gazed at the forest floor, where the shadows danced in rhythm with the cool, midnight breeze.

Word bank: shimmering · labyrinthine · cacophony · mystical · beguiling · whispering · ancient · vibrant · tapestry · starlit

1. Identify one expanded noun phrase from the passage and explain how it helps the reader visualise the setting. (2 marks)

2. Rewrite the sentence 'She landed on an ancient oak branch' by adding a fronted adverbial to describe how or when she landed. (2 marks)

3. Choose two words from the word bank and write two separate sentences describing a magical creature living in the Whispering Woods. (4 marks)

4. Explain why an author might use 'show, don't tell' to describe a character's emotions rather than simply saying they were 'happy' or 'sad'. (4 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the setting of the Whispering Woods with a typical city park. Use at least two pieces of descriptive imagery. (4 marks)

6. Creative Writing Task: Write a paragraph (approx. 80 words) describing what happens when Nova discovers a hidden, glowing door behind the ancient oak tree. Include a fronted adverbial, a simile, and at least one word from the word bank. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw the hidden, glowing door Nova discovered. Use labels to describe the texture and the magical light it emits.



Extension challenge: Justify your choice of vocabulary in your creative writing paragraph. How does your choice of verbs change the tone of the story? What might happen if the door were locked, and how would that alter the character's motivation? Total: /25