

Creative Writing Mastery with Pip and Friends

Learning objective: To understand and apply key literary techniques including fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, and sensory language to enhance creative writing.

Read the front of each flashcard to test your knowledge of creative writing terms. Check the back to see if your definition matches the standard expected for Year 4.

What is a Fronted Adverbial?

A word or phrase at the beginning of a sentence that describes how, when, or where an action happens, followed by a comma.

What is an Expanded Noun Phrase?

A phrase that adds more detail to a noun using adjectives or prepositional phrases, for example: 'the fluffy, golden-maned lion'.

Define a Simile.

A way of describing something by comparing it to something else using the words 'like' or 'as', such as 'as brave as Leo'.

Define a Metaphor.

A comparison that says one thing is another thing to create a vivid image, for example: 'the stars were diamonds in the sky'.

What is Personification?

Giving human qualities or actions to non-human things, like saying 'the wind whistled a lonely tune'.

What is Onomatopoeia?

Words that sound like the noise they describe, such as 'buzz', 'crash', or 'hiss'.

What is Alliteration?

When two or more words close together start with the same consonant sound, like 'Pip the purple-petaled plant'.

What does 'Show, Don't Tell' mean?

Using descriptive actions and sensory details to help the reader imagine the scene instead of just stating a fact.

What is an Adjective?

A word that describes a noun, giving information about its appearance, size, or quality.

What is an Adverb?

A word that describes a verb, telling us how, where, or when an action is performed, often ending in -ly.

Why use 'Powerful Verbs' in writing?

To replace weak verbs with more exciting ones to make the writing more active and engaging, like using 'sprinted' instead of 'ran'.

What are the five senses used for in descriptive writing?

Sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch, used to create an immersive experience for the reader.