

The Tale of the Changing Seasons: An Easter Narrative

Learning objective: To write a descriptive narrative exploring the themes of renewal and hope during the spring season.

Use the following prompts to structure your story. Focus on using ambitious adjectives and expanded noun phrases to bring your setting to life. Ellie the elephant is helping you remember the sequence of events as the world wakes up from winter.

As the final frost retreated from the meadow, the ancient oak tree began to stir with the promise of a new beginning.

Word bank: bountiful · vibrant · transforming · consequently · meanwhile · eventually · radiant · significantly · furthermore · blossoming

1. Setting the Scene: Describe the transition from winter to spring using sensory details. What sights, sounds, or smells signal that the world is waking up? Start with: 'The landscape shifted as the icy grip of winter finally loosened...' (2 marks)

2. The Discovery: Introduce a mysterious or hopeful event that happens in the garden or forest. What does your character find? Start with: 'Hidden beneath a canopy of emerald leaves, an unexpected discovery caught my eye...' (3 marks)

3. The Character's Reaction: How does your main character feel about this change? Are they excited, curious, or reflective? Start with: 'A feeling of profound optimism washed over me as...' (2 marks)

4. The Community Celebration: Describe how the animals or villagers celebrate the arrival of spring. Compare this to how they spent the winter. Start with: 'Unlike the quiet, grey days of the past, the meadow was now alive with...' (3 marks)

5. Explain why the arrival of spring is often used as a metaphor for hope and new beginnings in literature. Justify your answer with examples from your story. (4 marks)

6. Compare and contrast the atmosphere of your story at the beginning compared to the end. What might happen if the season had remained winter? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short poem in the style of Leo the lion to accompany your story. Focus on the theme of 'Renewal'. Use at least two metaphors and one simile to describe the spring flowers.