

Crafting Compelling Narratives: The Architect of Stories

Learning objective: To understand and apply the structural components of a narrative, including character motivation, setting, and plot progression.

Read each question carefully and use your best vocabulary to construct your answers. Remember to use descriptive language and consider how your choices impact the reader.

This worksheet focuses on your creative writing skills. Use the prompts below to demonstrate your understanding of story structure.

Word bank: atmosphere · climax · motivation · protagonist · foreshadowing · dilemma · resolution · vivid

1. Max the monkey is planning a journey to find a hidden fruit tree. Describe his primary motivation. Why is he so determined to reach his goal? (2 marks)

2. Compare and contrast a 'peaceful meadow' setting with a 'stormy mountain peak'. How does the choice of setting change the atmosphere of a story? (3 marks)

3. Every hero faces a dilemma. If Pip the caterpillar suddenly found a page missing from his favourite book, explain why this would be a significant problem for him. (2 marks)

4. Justify why the climax is considered the most important part of a story. What might happen if a story ended immediately after the dilemma appeared? (3 marks)

5. Write a short, vivid sentence that uses foreshadowing to suggest that something mysterious is about to happen in Ellie the elephant's jungle home. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a storyboard showing the 'climax' of a story where Kit the fox discovers a hidden computer circuit inside a hollow log. Use labels to show the emotions Kit is feeling.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an author. Create a 'story map' for a new adventure involving Nova the owl. Your map must include: a clear setting, a specific dilemma, a moment of high tension, and a resolution that teaches a lesson about kindness.