

Descriptive Detectives: Writing with Adjectives

Learning objective: To use adjectives to add detail and description to writing, following the Year 3 national curriculum.

Follow the prompts below to build your own descriptive paragraph about a magical garden. Use the word bank to help you expand your sentences and make your writing more exciting for the reader.

Max the monkey climbed into the secret, sun-drenched garden and gasped at the sight before him.

Word bank: shimmering · enormous · delicate · vibrant · mysterious · gently · as well as · furthermore · on the other hand · beside · ancient

1. Describe the plants in the garden. What do they look like? Start with: The towering plants were... (2 marks)

2. Describe the colours you can see. Start with: Bright, vibrant colours danced... (2 marks)

3. Describe the sounds you can hear. Start with: A soft, whispering breeze... (2 marks)

4. Describe how the garden makes Max feel. Start with: Max felt a sense of... (2 marks)

5. Can you add one sentence that uses a simile (comparing something to something else using 'like' or 'as')? Start with: The leaves were as... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose two of the adjectives you used in your writing and write a synonym (a word with a similar meaning) for each one to make your vocabulary even stronger.