

A Magical Festive Tale: Writing Scaffold

Learning objective: To structure a narrative story with a festive theme, using descriptive language and varied sentence structures.

Follow the prompts below to build your story. Remember to use your best Year 5 vocabulary, including fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases, to bring your setting and characters to life.

The snow fell in soft, silent feathers, blanketing the village in a thick, white quilt that muffled the sound of the world outside.

Word bank: shimmering · muffled silence · unwaveringly · beneath the frost · suddenly · without warning · eventually · a cacophony of · glistening · meanwhile · furthermore

1. Introduction: Describe the setting and introduce your main character. Start with: 'Deep in the heart of the winter night, [Character Name] noticed something unusual...' (2 marks)

2. The Inciting Incident: What mysterious event happens? Start with: 'Without a moment's hesitation, they decided to investigate, noticing that...' (2 marks)

3. Building Tension: Describe the journey or the challenge faced. Start with: 'The air grew colder, and as they reached the edge of the woods, they felt...' (3 marks)

4. The Climax: What is the magical or surprising discovery? Start with: 'Suddenly, a bright light illuminated the clearing, revealing...' (3 marks)

5. Resolution: How does the story end? Start with: 'As the first light of dawn broke, [Character Name] realised that this was a festive memory they would...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Can you include a piece of direct speech between two characters? Remember to use inverted commas correctly and include a reporting clause (e.g., 'sighed the owl' or 'whispered the fox').