

Year 3 Creative Writing Assessment: Descriptive Adventures

Learning objective: To use descriptive language, expanded noun phrases, and conjunctions to create an original setting.

Read the prompt carefully. Use your best handwriting, check your spelling, and remember to use exciting adjectives and verbs to make your writing come alive.

Max the monkey and Nova the owl have discovered a hidden, magical garden deep within the forest. The flowers glow in the dark, and the trees seem to tell stories when the wind blows through their leaves. They are standing at the entrance, ready to explore.

Word bank: shimmering · majestic · whispering · enormous · vibrant · cautiously · suddenly · although · because

1. Find and copy one expanded noun phrase from the passage above. (1 mark)

2. Write a sentence describing the hidden garden using at least one adjective and one adverb. (2 marks)

3. Change this sentence to include a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or): 'Max walked into the garden. He felt very excited.' (2 marks)

4. Max finds a silver key on the ground. Write two sentences describing what the key looks like and how it feels to touch. (4 marks)

5. Think of a 'wow' word to replace the word 'big' in this sentence: 'They saw an enormous, big tree in the middle of the clearing.' (2 marks)

6. Look at the list of items Max finds in the garden: a shiny pebble (£1.50), a blue feather (£0.75), and a smooth stone (£0.25). How much do the pebble and the feather cost altogether? (4 marks)

7. Creative Writing Task: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing what happens when Max and Nova open a mysterious gate at the back of the garden. Remember to use descriptive language to show how the place looks, sounds, and smells. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the magical garden described in the passage. Make sure to include Max the monkey and Nova the owl exploring!



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you add a fronted adverbial to your final paragraph to show when or where the action happens?