

Painting with Words: A Figurative Language Writing Frame

Learning objective: To use similes and personification to create descriptive sentences for a story setting.

Use the prompts below to help you write a descriptive paragraph about a magical woodland. Remember to use similes (comparing things using 'like' or 'as') and personification (giving objects human qualities) to bring your writing to life.

As Pip the caterpillar crawled into the Ancient Grove, the trees seemed to lean in and whisper secrets to the wind.

Word bank: as bright as · like a · danced · whispered · shimmered · suddenly · meanwhile · beneath · gently · fierce as

1. Describe the sun or the sky using a simile. Start your sentence with: The sky looked... (2 marks)

2. Give the flowers or the grass a human action (personification). Start your sentence with: The colourful petals... (2 marks)

3. Describe a stream or a pond using a simile to explain how it moves or looks. Start your sentence with: The water flowed... (2 marks)

4. Describe the wind or the movement of the leaves using personification. Start your sentence with: The wind... (2 marks)

5. End your paragraph by describing how the woodland feels to be in. Start your sentence with: Walking through the grove felt like... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add a sentence about a hidden treasure found in the grove? Try to include one more simile to describe the treasure.