

A Night of Sparks: Writing a Descriptive Account

Learning objective: To write a descriptive recount of Bonfire Night using sensory language and fronted adverbials.

Use the structure below to build your descriptive account of Bonfire Night. Remember to describe what you see, hear, smell, and feel. Use the word bank to help your writing flow.

As the chilly November air settled over the village, the first rocket soared into the darkness, transforming the night into a canvas of light.

Word bank: shimmering · deafening · crackling · momentarily · vibrant · furthermore · consequently · beneath the velvet sky · as quick as a flash · amidst the cheers

1. Introduction: Set the scene. Where are you and who are you with? Start with a fronted adverbial, such as 'Wrapped in thick scarves, we gathered near the glowing bonfire...' (2 marks)

2. The Sights: Describe the fireworks. What colours and patterns can you see? Use powerful adjectives like 'dazzling', 'crimson', or 'kaleidoscopic'. (2 marks)

3. The Sounds: What do you hear? Think about the 'whoosh' of the rockets and the 'crackling' of the wood. How does the noise make you feel? (2 marks)

4. The Atmosphere: Describe the smell of the smoke or the warmth of the fire. How are the people around you reacting to the display? (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: How does the evening end? Use a sentence starter like 'Eventually, as the final embers faded into the night, we headed home feeling...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Max the monkey is trying to calculate how much a family spent on fireworks. If they bought 3 packs of sparklers at £4.50 each and 2 large rockets at £8.00 each, what was the total cost of their display?