

A Spark of History: The Bonfire Night Mystery

Learning objective: To identify and use relative clauses and expanded noun phrases to create descriptive sentences about Bonfire Night.

Leo the Lion is writing a poem about the 5th of November, but he needs your help to make his sentences more descriptive. Choose words from the word bank to create expanded noun phrases and include a relative clause (starting with who, which, or that) to add extra detail to each sentence.

Word bank: flickering · spectacular · vibrant · dazzling · crackling · nocturnal · glowing · enormous

1. Rewrite this simple sentence using an expanded noun phrase and a relative clause: 'The firework flew into the sky.' (2 marks)

2. Rewrite this simple sentence using an expanded noun phrase and a relative clause: 'The bonfire warmed the crowd.' (2 marks)

3. Describe the night sky using an expanded noun phrase and a relative clause to explain what the stars are doing. (2 marks)

4. Write a sentence about the smell of the smoke using a relative clause to describe how it makes the audience feel. (2 marks)

5. Leo the Lion wants to describe his scarf. Write a sentence using an expanded noun phrase and a relative clause about his scarf. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of a Bonfire Night celebration where Leo the Lion is watching the sky. Include a 'dazzling' firework display and a 'crackling' bonfire, and label your drawing with three of the descriptive adjectives from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an eyewitness to the events of 1605. Write a short, formal diary entry (no more than 100 words) describing the atmosphere in London using at least two relative clauses and three expanded noun phrases.