

A Festive Tale: Story Planner with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To plan a narrative with a festive theme, focusing on character development, setting the scene, and creating a clear plot structure.

Leo the Lion is writing a festive poem-story and needs your help to plan his narrative! Use this template to organise your ideas before you start drafting your story. Remember to use descriptive adjectives and think about how your character feels during the winter season.

Word bank: festive · shimmering · frosty · atmosphere · generosity · twinkling · anticipation · magnificent · cosy · tradition

1. Character Profile: Who is the main character in your festive story? Describe their appearance and one special personality trait. (2 marks)

2. The Setting: Where and when is your story set? Describe the sights, sounds, and smells of your wintry location. (2 marks)

3. The Festive Problem: Every good story needs a challenge! What is the main problem your character faces during the festive season? (3 marks)

4. The Turning Point: How does your character attempt to solve the problem? What action do they take to make things better? (3 marks)

5. Resolution: How does the story end? What is the final message or lesson learned by your character? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Once you have finished your plan, write the opening paragraph of your story. Try to include a 'show, don't tell' sentence to describe how cold the weather is without using the word 'cold'.