

The Figurative Language Explorer: Character Description Template

Learning objective: To identify and use figurative language, including expanded noun phrases, similes, and metaphors, to describe a character vividly.

Use this template to create a detailed description of an original character. Think about how to show your reader what your character is like using figurative language rather than just telling them. Use the word bank to help you elevate your vocabulary. Aim to use at least one simile and one metaphor in your writing.

Word bank: shimmering · majestic · as brave as a lion · a tower of strength · glistening · as swift as a shooting star · a fountain of knowledge · vibrant · ethereal · a beacon of light

1. Physical Appearance: Describe your character's look using an expanded noun phrase and a simile. (e.g., The dragon had scales as sharp as obsidian glass.) (3 marks)

2. Personality Metaphor: Describe your character's personality using a metaphor. Explain why you chose this comparison. (3 marks)

3. Movement and Action: Describe how your character moves. Use a powerful verb and a comparison to show their speed or grace. (3 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Why is figurative language more effective than using simple adjectives when describing a character to a reader? (4 marks)

5. Compare and contrast: If your character met Pip the bookworm, how would their interaction differ based on their personality traits? (4 marks)

6. What might happen if your character suddenly lost their most defining feature? Rewrite one sentence from your description to show this transformation. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing your character entering a mysterious forest. You must include personification (e.g., the trees whispered secrets) and ensure the atmosphere changes based on your character's mood.