

Festival Celebrations: A Writing Scaffold

Learning objective: To write a descriptive and informative report about a festival, using formal vocabulary and logical structure.

Use this scaffold to organise your writing. Think about the history, traditions, and significance of the festival you have chosen. Use rich adjectives and connectives to engage your reader.

As the golden sun sets, the community gathers together to begin the much-anticipated festival, a time when history and joy intertwine.

Word bank: traditionally · furthermore · significance · consequently · in addition to · symbolic · commemorate · vibrant · nevertheless · atmosphere

1. Introduction: What is the name of the festival and why is it celebrated? Start by saying: The festival of... is a significant occasion because... (2 marks)

2. Historical Context: How did this festival begin? Explain why it is important to remember the origins by writing: Historically, this celebration originated from... (3 marks)

3. Traditions and Customs: Describe the special activities or food associated with the day. Use phrases like: A key tradition during this time is... (3 marks)

4. The Role of Community: How do people come together to share the experience? Write: The atmosphere is transformed as the community... (2 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: Why is this festival meaningful to those who celebrate it? Consider: I believe this festival is important because... (2 marks)

6. Compare and Contrast: How does this festival differ from other celebrations you know? Justify your answer by saying: Whilst some festivals focus on..., this particular event is unique because... (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: Imagine you are designing a brand-new festival for your local area. Justify the date you have chosen and the symbolic items involved. Explain what might happen if the traditions were changed or forgotten; how would this impact the community's identity? Write a paragraph proposing a new tradition that could be added to an existing festival.