

Sheet 16: Analytical Reading Review

Worked example:

Read this line: 'The golden sun dipped below the horizon.' Identify the literary device. A) Metaphor B) Personification C) Alliteration.

Answer: B) Personification (The sun is given the human action of 'dipping').

- **Read this short narrative: 'Pip the caterpillar crawled onto the leaf. He felt a sudden shiver as the wind rustled the branches, but he kept his eyes on the prize: the juiciest pear in the orchard.' Why is Pip feeling nervous?**

The wind is rustling the branches. He is afraid of the pear. He is hungry.

- **Read this fact: 'Honeybees like Bea play a vital role in pollination. Without them, many fruits and vegetables would struggle to grow.' What is the primary purpose of this text?**

To entertain To persuade To inform

- **Read this poem snippet: 'Nova watches the silent night / A velvet cloak of starry light.' What does the 'velvet cloak' represent in this poem?**

A physical coat The night sky A telescope

- **Look at the three texts above. Which one uses the most formal language? Explain why.**

- **Max the monkey bought 3 bananas for £1.50 each. Write one sentence explaining why he might need a receipt if he is calculating his total spend.**

Self-check: Check your answers against the answer key: 1) The wind, 2) To inform, 3) The night sky, 4) The second text is formal as it provides scientific facts, 5) A receipt acts as proof of the price paid.

Ready for next: You have mastered analytical reading and are now ready to begin the next level of your English journey!