

# Bonfire Night Literacy Flashcards

*Learning objective: To improve vocabulary and descriptive writing skills by exploring themes, historical context, and sensory language related to Bonfire Night.*

Read the front of the card to test your knowledge or vocabulary. Flip the card mentally to check your answer. Use these terms to write a descriptive paragraph about a firework display.

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| What is the name of the historical event in 1605 that inspired Bonfire Night?                             | Define the word 'treason' as it relates to the history of the Gunpowder Plot.                      |
| The Gunpowder Plot.                                                                                       | The crime of betraying one's country or attempting to harm the monarch or government.              |
| Which literary device uses words that imitate the sound they describe (e.g., 'bang', 'whizz', 'crackle')? | What is an 'effigy' in the context of traditional Bonfire Night celebrations?                      |
| Onomatopoeia.                                                                                             | A model or dummy of a person, traditionally representing Guy Fawkes, placed on top of the bonfire. |
| Use an adjective to describe the sky during a firework display.                                           | Complete the phrase: 'Remember, remember the fifth of...'                                          |
| Luminous, vibrant, dark, star-speckled, or kaleidoscopic.                                                 | November.                                                                                          |
| How would you describe the 'atmosphere' of a cold November night at a fireworks show?                     | What is the primary function of the Houses of Parliament?                                          |
| Atmospheric (e.g., chilly, electric, bustling, or smoky).                                                 | It is the place where the government meets to make and change the laws of the country.             |
| Provide a synonym for 'vibrant' when describing the colors of fireworks.                                  | Identify the verb in this sentence: 'The rockets soared high into the night sky.'                  |
| Bright, vivid, brilliant, or dazzling.                                                                    | Soared.                                                                                            |
| Why do we use the word 'commemorate' when talking about Bonfire Night?                                    | If a box of sparklers costs £2.50, how much change would you get from a £5 note?                   |
| To show respect or remember a historical event from the past.                                             | £2.50.                                                                                             |