

Festival Celebration Writing Scaffold

Learning objective: To write a descriptive account of a festival, using formal and emotive language to explain its significance and traditions.

Use the prompts below to structure your writing. Think about the sights, sounds, and feelings of the festival you have chosen. Use the word bank to help your writing flow.

As the sun began to set, the air buzzed with excitement, signalling the start of the annual festival.

Word bank: furthermore · traditionally · consequently · vibrant · significant · symbolic · in addition · on the other hand · spectacular · commemorate

1. Introduction: What is the name of the festival, and what is the primary reason people gather to celebrate it? Start with: 'The festival of [Name] is a significant event because...' (2 marks)

2. Traditions and Customs: Describe one or two specific activities that take place. Start with: 'A key tradition observed during this time is...' (3 marks)

3. Sensory Details: How would you describe the atmosphere using your five senses? Start with: 'The atmosphere is truly vibrant, filled with the aroma of...' (3 marks)

4. Personal Significance: Why is this festival important to the community or family? Start with: 'For many people, this celebration is a time to reflect on...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise the feeling of the festival and its lasting impact. Start with: 'Ultimately, the festival leaves everyone feeling...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer like Finn the dolphin discovering this festival for the first time. Write two sentences describing your reaction to the decorations using a metaphor or a simile.