

Sheet 3: Foreshadowing and Flashback

Worked example:

Read this: 'As Leo the lion walked away, he didn't notice the dark clouds gathering above the valley.' Is this foreshadowing or a flashback?

Answer: This is foreshadowing, as the dark clouds hint that trouble is coming later in the story.

- **Read these two sentences. Write 'Foreshadowing' or 'Flashback' for each.**

1. Nova looked at the old telescope and remembered the night she first saw the North Star five years ago. ()
2. Kit the fox felt a strange shiver as he picked up the mysterious, glowing key. ()

- **Read this extract: 'Ellie the elephant looked at the dusty map. She was back in the savannah, feeling the sun on her back as a young calf.' Which technique is used here?**

Flashback

- **Read this extract: 'Pip the caterpillar felt a sudden breeze and shivered. He didn't know that a storm was brewing just over the hill.' Which technique is used here?**

Foreshadowing

- **Circle the phrase that acts as a sign of foreshadowing in this sentence: 'Max the monkey smiled, unaware that his favorite tree was about to lose all its leaves in the coming frost.'**

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- **Why do authors use flashbacks? (Hint: Think about what we learn about a character's past.)**

To show us what happened before the current story starts.

Self-check: Check your answers against the key: Flashback looks at the past, while foreshadowing gives a hint about the future.

Ready for next: You are ready for Sheet 4 when you can confidently spot the difference between a memory and a warning in a text.