

A Bright Night with Nova

Learning objective: To retrieve information, make inferences and express opinions about a text regarding Bonfire Night.

Read the story below. Use the word bank to help you. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

It was a chilly evening in November. Nova the owl sat on a high branch. She looked down at the park. Below, a large fire was burning. It was a Bonfire Night celebration. The flames were orange and yellow. They danced in the dark air. Nova heard a loud crackling sound. People stood in a circle to stay warm. Some children held a glowing sparkler in their hands. They moved them in circles to make golden patterns in the night sky. Nova watched the smoke curl up towards the stars. Everyone looked very happy. They cheered when a rocket zoomed up high and burst into tiny, colourful lights. It was a very loud and busy night. Nova liked the bright colours. She tucked her head under her wing and felt glad that the autumn air was filled with such joy. She thought about how the fire kept everyone cosy while they watched the display. It was a night to remember.

Word bank: bonfire · sparkler · autumn · celebration · bright · crackling

1. 1. What was the weather like on the night of the celebration? (Find and retrieve) (2 marks)

2. 2. What did the children use to make golden patterns in the air? (Find and retrieve) (2 marks)

3. 3. How do you know the people at the park were having a good time? (Read between the lines) (2 marks)

4. 4. Why do you think the people stood in a circle around the fire? (Read between the lines) (2 marks)

5. 5. Which part of the night do you think was the most exciting? Why? (Opinion and justification) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl watching the colourful fireworks and the bonfire from her tree.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences describing what a firework sounds like. Use words like 'pop', 'whizz', or 'bang'.