

Painting Pictures with Words: Figurative Language

Learning objective: To use similes and personification to describe a setting.

Follow these steps to help Nova the owl write about the night sky. Use the word bank to help you complete your sentences. Look at the example passage to see how to start.

The moon hung in the dark sky like a giant, glowing lantern.

Word bank: as bright as · danced · like a · whispered · shimmered · softly · gently · brave

1. Describe the stars. Use a simile to explain how they look. Start with: The stars twinkled... (2 marks)

2. Describe the wind. Use personification to explain what the wind is doing. Start with: The wind... (2 marks)

3. Describe the trees. Use a simile to explain how they move. Start with: The trees swayed... (2 marks)

4. Describe the night air. Use a feeling word to explain how the air feels. Start with: The air felt... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add one more sentence using personification to describe the moon?