

The Great Bonfire Night Poetry Challenge with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To use descriptive language and powerful adjectives to write a poem about Bonfire Night.

Leo the Lion is writing a poem about the sights and sounds of Bonfire Night. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the gaps and complete his verses. Once you have filled in the blanks, draw a picture to match the scene described in your favourite stanza.

Leo's Bonfire Poem:

The fire is glowing, bright and _____,
With logs that are spitting and _____ too.
The rockets go up with a _____ sound,
Then burst into colours all over the ground.

A _____ light in the dark velvet sky,
Where _____ sparks like fireflies fly.
The night is a canvas of _____ delight,
As we watch the display on this cold, chilly night.

Word bank: crackling · twinkling · whizzing · golden · shimmering · booming · vibrant

1. 1. Why did you choose the word 'booming' to describe the rockets? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

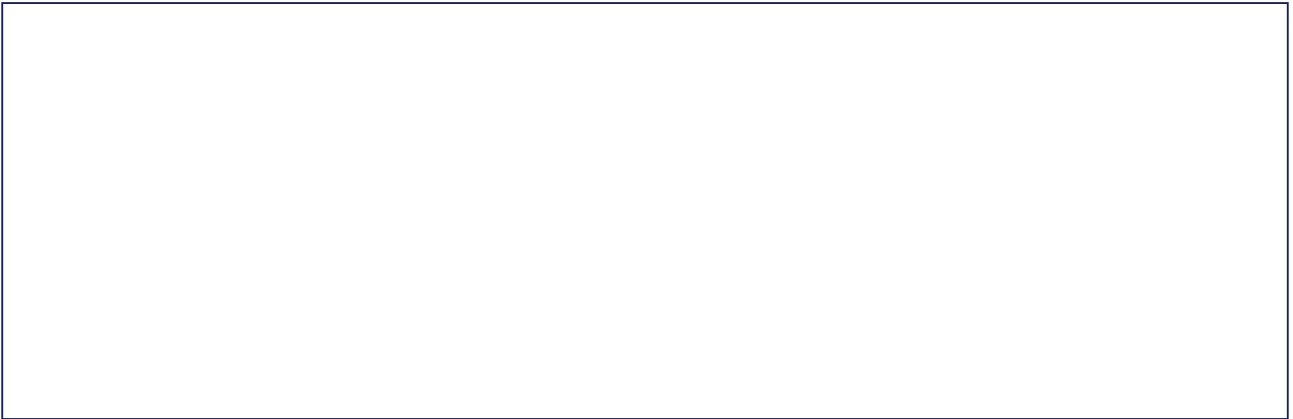
2. 2. List two other adjectives you could use to describe the fireworks. (2 marks)

3. 3. If you were buying a ticket to a local firework display that cost £4.50, and you paid with a £5.00 note, how much change would you receive? (2 marks)

4. 4. Write your own rhyming couplet to add to Leo's poem, describing the feeling of standing near the bonfire. (3 marks)

5. 5. Which sense (sight, sound, or touch) is most important when describing fireworks? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of a night sky filled with colourful fireworks and a warm, glowing bonfire in the corner. Include Leo the Lion watching the display safely from a distance.



Extension challenge: Research why we celebrate Bonfire Night in the UK. Write three sentences explaining the history behind the event, using a dictionary to find the meaning of the word 'tradition'.