

The Great Bonfire Night Vocabulary Sparklers

Learning objective: To use sophisticated vocabulary and descriptive language to write an immersive account of Bonfire Night.

Max the monkey has been busy calculating the best words to describe a firework display! Choose the most effective adjectives and verbs from the word bank to complete the sentences below. Once you have filled the gaps, write a short, punchy paragraph describing a rocket launching into the night sky, making sure to include at least two examples of onomatopoeia.

Word bank: cacophony · luminescent · cascade · vibrant · sizzle · spectacular · trajectory · shimmering

1. 1. As the firework climbed its steep _____, the night sky was suddenly transformed into a _____ canvas of colour. (2 marks)

2. 2. The crowd gasped in awe as the sparks began to _____ downwards like a golden fountain, creating a beautiful _____ effect. (2 marks)

3. 3. A sudden _____ of bangs and whistles filled the air, replacing the quiet _____ of the burning bonfire logs. (2 marks)

4. 4. Write a paragraph describing a firework display using at least two examples of onomatopoeia. (4 marks)

5. 5. Explain why using the word 'cacophony' is more effective than simply saying 'the fireworks were loud'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene from a Bonfire Night display as seen through the eyes of Nova the owl, making sure to label the different types of light and patterns Zara the zebra might spot in the sky.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are Pip the bookworm. Write a 'word treasure' list of five new, challenging adjectives you could use to describe the feeling of warmth from a bonfire compared to the cold November air.