

Bonfire Night: A Descriptive Account

Learning objective: To write a descriptive recount of a Bonfire Night celebration using sensory language, varied sentence structures, and precise vocabulary.

Use this writing frame to structure your recount of a chilly November evening. Focus on using ambitious adjectives and adverbs to bring the sights and sounds of the fireworks to life for your reader.

The crisp November air bit at my cheeks as the distant, rhythmic thumping of fireworks began to echo across the darkened park.

Word bank: cacophony · dazzling · phosphorescent · sizzling · consequently · vibrant · shimmering · momentarily · amidst · breathtaking

1. Introduction: Setting the scene. Describe the atmosphere of the evening using sensory details (what could you hear, smell, or feel?). Start with: As the sun dipped below the horizon, the night sky transformed into... (2 marks)

2. The Bonfire: Describe the construction and lighting of the bonfire. Use powerful verbs to explain how the fire grew. Start with: Standing tall and proud, the bonfire crackled into life as... (2 marks)

3. The Fireworks Display: Focus on the colours and shapes in the sky. Use metaphors or similes to describe the light. Start with: Suddenly, a fountain of gold erupted overhead, resembling... (2 marks)

4. The Crowd's Reaction: How did the people around you react to the spectacle? Include a quote or a description of their faces. Start with: The crowd gasped in unison, their faces illuminated by... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Reflect on the night and how you felt as you headed home. Start with: As the final embers faded into the velvet night, I felt... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Include a paragraph explaining the historical context of Bonfire Night, ensuring you use at least two fronted adverbials to link your historical facts to your personal experience.