

A Festive Story Adventure with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To use descriptive language and structure to plan an original Christmas story.

Read the questions carefully and use your imagination to help Leo the Lion write his winter tale. Remember to use exciting adjectives and think about how your characters feel.

Leo the Lion is writing a Christmas story about a group of friends who find a mysterious, glowing gift hidden deep in the snowy forest. The gift has no tag, but it is tied with a bright red ribbon. Leo needs your help to build the rest of his story!

Word bank: sparkling · festive · magical · cosy · shimmering · generous · whispering · enchanted

1. Leo wants his story to have a very festive setting. Describe the snowy forest using at least two adjectives from the word bank. (2 marks)

2. If the friends found a mysterious gift, what do you think is inside? Write two sentences explaining what it is and why it is special. (2 marks)

3. Characters in stories often show kindness at Christmas. How might the friends decide to share the gift with others in the forest? (2 marks)

4. Find a synonym for the word 'happy' that you could use to describe how the friends feel when they open the gift. (1 mark)

5. Every good story needs an ending. Write one sentence that explains how the friends celebrate the end of their adventure. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the mysterious gift Leo found in the forest. Make sure to show the bright red ribbon and the setting around it.



Extension challenge: Imagine the friends go to a local market to buy supplies for a party. If they have £10.00 and spend £4.50 on snacks and £3.20 on decorations, how much money do they have left? Show your working out.