

The Festive Narrative Architect: Crafting a Winter Tale

Learning objective: To compose a coherent and evocative narrative using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, and carefully selected vocabulary to convey a winter atmosphere.

Help Leo the Lion write his latest winter poem and story. Use the 'Narrative Architect' framework below to structure your writing. You must incorporate at least three items from the word bank and include one fronted adverbial in each paragraph. Focus on 'showing, not telling'—instead of saying it was cold, describe the frost patterns on the window.

Word bank: glistening · resplendent · hushed · crystalline · melodious · enchanted · shimmering · ethereal

1. Paragraph 1: Setting the Scene. Describe the setting using a fronted adverbial of place. Explain why the atmosphere feels 'hushed'. (3 marks)

2. Paragraph 2: The Character's Dilemma. Introduce a character who has lost a special festive item. Justify why this item is significant to them. (3 marks)

3. Paragraph 3: The Discovery. Using the word 'glistening', describe how your character finds the lost item. What might happen if they hadn't found it? (3 marks)

4. Paragraph 4: Conclusion. Bring the story to a heart-warming close. Compare and contrast the character's mood at the start versus the end of the story. (3 marks)

5. Identify two expanded noun phrases you used in your story and explain the effect they have on the reader's imagination. (2 marks)

6. Critique your own work: Which sentence is your strongest? Justify your answer by referencing your use of emotive language or punctuation. (2 marks)

Draw: Sketch a scene from your story that features an 'enchanted' object hidden within a 'crystalline' winter landscape. Pay close attention to how light reflects off the surfaces in your drawing.



Extension challenge: Rewrite your opening paragraph from the perspective of an object in the room (such as a fireplace or a window). How does this change the tone of your narrative? Use the first-person pronoun 'I' and maintain the winter theme.