

The Winter Solstice Market: A Festive Illustration Task

Learning objective: To use descriptive language and visual imagery to design a festive scene, focusing on atmospheric detail and narrative composition.

Use your imagination to bring the Winter Solstice Market to life. Focus on creating a sense of wonder and warmth in your drawing. Use the word bank to add descriptive labels to your finished artwork to help explain the atmosphere of the scene.

Draw: Create a detailed pencil or colour illustration of a Victorian-inspired winter market.

Style: Use expressive lines to show the texture of rough stone cobbles and soft, swirling snow. **Include:** A tall, ornate clock tower in the background, market stalls decorated with holly and ribbons, and Nova the owl looking down from a perch. Ensure the scene feels 'alive' with movement and light.



Label words: gossamer snowflakes · amber lantern-light · frost-dusted · bustling · festive · tinkling · cobbled · bountiful

Steps:

1. Step 1: Sketch a bustling market square in the centre of your page. Include at least three stalls selling seasonal goods. Label the items being sold, ensuring the prices are shown in £ (e.g., £2.50).
2. Step 2: Add character details. Draw Nova the owl perched on a high, frosted signpost observing the

scene. Describe how the light from the lanterns creates an atmosphere of warmth against the cold winter air.

3. Explain why you chose the specific colours you used for the sky and the market stalls. How do these colours influence the mood of your illustration?

4. Compare and contrast your drawing with a traditional summer market. What elements would need to change, and why?

5. Justify your choice of perspective. Did you use a bird's-eye view or a ground-level view? Why does this choice make the scene more immersive?

6. What might happen if a sudden, magical blizzard occurred while the market was at its busiest? Briefly describe the reaction of the crowd.