

Year 5 Creative Writing: A Winter’s Tale Word Mat

Learning objective: To enrich descriptive writing using sophisticated vocabulary, sensory imagery, and atmospheric language for festive narratives.

Key Vocabulary

Use this vocabulary mat to improve your story writing. The terms are grouped into categories to help you build atmosphere, describe character emotions, and set the scene for a magical winter story. Try to include at least one word from each category in your festive writing.

Resplendent Shining brilliantly; characterize...	Ethereal Extremely delicate and light in a wa...	Frost-bitten Injured or affected by extreme ...
Mirthful Full of gladness and gaiety; laughter...	Benevolent Well-meaning, kind, and genero...	Luminous Full of or shedding light; bright or ...
Tranquil Free from disturbance; calm and p...	Cacophony A harsh, discordant mixture of s...	Melancholy A feeling of pensive sadness, ty...
Glistening Shining with a sparkling light, oft...	Scintillating Emitting flashes of light; sparkli...	Wistful Having or showing a feeling of vague...
Festooned Adorned with chains, garlands, o...	Jubilant Feeling or expressing great happin...	Whimsical Playfully quaint or fanciful, espec...
Pensive Engaged in, involving, or reflecting ...	Explain why an a...	Compare and con...
Justify your ans... Which of the words in th...	What might happ...	Select two adject...
Creative Extensi... Write a short paragraph ...		