

Figurative Language Explorer: Character Description

Learning objective: To identify and use figurative language, including similes, metaphors, and personification, to describe a character.

Join Max the monkey in an adventure to describe a mysterious explorer. Use the word bank to help you write descriptive sentences. Make sure to include at least one simile, one metaphor, and one example of personification in your writing.

Word bank: shimmering · as brave as a lion · a whirlwind of energy · the wind whispered · majestic · swift as a rushing river · a mountain of strength

1. Physical Appearance: Describe the character's look. Use a simile to compare them to something else (e.g., 'His hair was as wild as a stormy sea'). (3 marks)

2. Personality Traits: Use a metaphor to describe the character's personality (e.g., 'She is a shining beacon of hope for her friends'). (3 marks)

3. Setting the Scene: Describe the environment around the character using personification (e.g., 'The ancient trees watched silently as she walked by'). (3 marks)

4. Action and Movement: Describe how the character moves. Use an adverb or a powerful verb to show their energy. (2 marks)

5. Review: Read your work back. Can you underline one example of figurative language you used and explain why you chose it? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing what this character has in their backpack. Can you include a piece of alliteration in your description?