A Night of Sparks: Writing About Bonfire Night

Learning objective: To use descriptive language, expanded noun phrases, and conjunctions to recount a sensory experience of Bonfire Night.

Use the prompts below to help you structure your recount of Bonfire Night. Try to use your senses to describe what you saw, heard, and felt. Remember to use the word bank to make your sentences more interesting.

The night sky transformed into a giant, dark canvas as the first firework whistled into the air.

Word bank: dazzling · flickering · catherine wheel · whizzing · rustling · suddenly · meanwhile · glistening · vibrant · crackling · as well as · because

1. The Sights: What colours and patterns did you see in the sky? Start with: The sky was filled with... (2 marks)

2. The Sounds: What did the fireworks sound like as they exploded? Start with: I heard a loud... (2 marks)

3. The Feeling: How did it feel to be outside in the cold air? Start with: The air felt chilly, but... (2 marks)

4. The Conclusion: What was your favourite part of the evening and why? Start with: My favourite part of the night was... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: Imagine you are Leo the Lion writing a poem about the fireworks. Compare the fireworks to something in nature (e.g., 'The firework was a golden flower blooming in the night'). Explain why the colours look different against the dark sky compared to during the day. What might happen if the fireworks had no sound at all? Justify your answer.