

A Night to Remember: Fireworks Diary Entry

Learning objective: To write a recount of a historical event using descriptive language, past tense, and conjunctions.

Imagine you are watching a grand fireworks display with Pip the caterpillar. Use this diary template to describe the sights and sounds of the night. Use the word bank to help you include ambitious adjectives and descriptive phrases.

Word bank: dazzling · shimmering · spectacular · catherine wheel · whizzing · glowing · vibrant · crackling · illuminated · magnificent

1. The Setting: Where were you watching the display with Pip, and what was the atmosphere like? Use descriptive language. (3 marks)

2. The Sights: Describe the shapes and colours of the fireworks in the night sky. How did they change as they exploded? (3 marks)

3. The Sounds: Describe the noises you heard. Use onomatopoeia words to bring your writing to life. (2 marks)

4. Historical Reflection: Explain why we celebrate Bonfire Night. Why is it important to remember this event from history? (3 marks)

5. Compare and Contrast: Compare the bright, loud fireworks to the quiet, dark night sky. Why do these two things work well together? (3 marks)

6. Justify your answer: If you were designing your own firework, what shape would it be and what colour would it glow? Explain your choice. (3 marks)

7. What might happen if there were no fireworks on Bonfire Night? How would the celebration be different? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Creative Challenge: Write a short poem about a 'Catherine Wheel' using at least three of the words from the word bank. Try to include a simile to describe how the firework moves.