

A Night of Sparkles and Shadows: A Bonfire Night Narrative

Learning objective: To use descriptive language and temporal connectives to write a recount of a Bonfire Night celebration.

Use the prompts below to build your story. Think about how Max the monkey might describe the shapes of the fireworks, and how Leo the lion would use poetic words to capture the atmosphere.

The sky turned from a soft twilight grey into a canvas of deep, velvety black as the first firework whistled into the air.

Word bank: fizzing · whizzing · shimmering · enormous · afterwards · suddenly · meanwhile · tremendous · glowing embers · vibrant

1. The Arrival: Describe the scene as you first arrive at the bonfire. What can you see and hear? Start with: As we stepped into the field, the bonfire was... (2 marks)

2. The Fireworks: Use powerful verbs to describe the display. Start with: Suddenly, a firework shot upwards like a rocket, leaving behind... (2 marks)

3. The Senses: Explain why the bonfire feels comforting on a cold November night. Use your senses to describe the heat and the smell. Start with: The warmth of the fire felt like... (3 marks)

4. The Conclusion: Compare the night sky before the fireworks to how it looked after the show finished. Start with: As the final spark faded, the night felt... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1. Justify why the author chose the word 'velvety' to describe the sky. 2. What might happen if the weather were rainy instead of clear; how would that change the description? 3. Compare and contrast the sound of a firework to the sound of a crackling bonfire. 4. If you were Leo the lion, which poetic metaphor would you use to describe a sparkler? 5. Explain why safety is important on Bonfire Night. 6. Write a short 'safety rhyme' using at least two rhyming words to remind others to stay back from the flames.