

Bonfire Night Vocabulary Mat with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To develop a rich vocabulary for descriptive writing about Bonfire Night, using precise nouns, adjectives, and verbs.

Key Vocabulary

Use these categories to build descriptive sentences. Max the monkey suggests using 'maths-like' precision with your adjectives, while Zara the zebra encourages you to focus on the colours and patterns you see in the night sky.

Spectacular something that is very impressi...	Incandescent glowing with intense heat or li...	Glistening shining with a sparkling light.
Crackling making a series of sharp, sudden ...	Explosive bursting with a loud noise and gr...	Illuminated lit up brightly.
Bonfire a large fire built in the open air.	Sparkler a handheld firework that throws out...	Embers small, glowing pieces of coal or wo...
Fireworks devices containing chemicals that...	Display a collection of things arranged for p...	Night sky the dark sky seen at night, often fil...
Whizz to move quickly with a rushing sound.	Whoosh to move with a sudden, rushing so...	Boom a loud, deep, resonant sound.
Sizzle to make a hissing sound, like food co...	Explain why the ...	Compare and con...
What might happ...	Zara the zebra thi...	If a pack of 5 spa...
Imagine you are ...		