

A Night of Sparkles and Shadows: A Bonfire Night Narrative

Learning objective: To write a descriptive narrative about Bonfire Night using sensory language, varied sentence structures, and conjunctions.

Use the prompts below to build your story about a magical Bonfire Night. Think about the sights, sounds, and smells you might experience. Focus on using ambitious adjectives and adverbs to make your writing come alive for the reader.

The crisp November air turned icy as the first golden spark climbed high into the velvet sky, signalling the start of the evening's display.

Word bank: fizzing · whizzing · glistening · crackling · vibrant · spectacular · meanwhile · consequently · as a result · suddenly · illuminated

1. Setting the Scene: Describe the atmosphere at the bonfire. What can you see, hear, and smell? Start your paragraph with: The bonfire roared with a life of its own as... (3 marks)

2. The Fireworks Display: Choose three different fireworks to describe using powerful adjectives. Start your paragraph with: Above us, the night sky transformed into a canvas of... (3 marks)

3. The Emotional Response: How do the characters feel watching the display? Justify why they might feel this way. Start your paragraph with: We stood huddled together, our faces illuminated by the glow, feeling... (3 marks)

4. Explain why safety is so important during bonfire celebrations. How do the people in your story ensure everyone stays safe? Start your paragraph with: To ensure everyone remained safe, we... (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the quiet of the night with the noise of the fireworks. Why is this contrast effective in your writing? (4 marks)

6. Creative Reflection: What might happen if the fireworks suddenly stopped and the sky went completely silent? Describe the scene. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a diary entry from the perspective of Nova the owl, watching the colourful display from her high branch in the oak tree. Use at least three examples of onomatopoeia to represent the sounds of the fireworks.