Descriptive Writing Planning Sheet

Look carefully at your scene from Wind in the Willows.

Using the steps below, set a timer: you have 5 minutes to plan your descriptive writing.



1. Looking at your picture, jot down some simple words to describe what you might see, hear, or smell if you were in the scene.

E.G. Sun shining through clouds. River flowing - noisy. Big mountains touching the sky. Thin trees. Leaves. Snow. Moss and grass.

2. Now, using your imagination, or if you have a thesaurus, or an online thesaurus add in adjectives, adverbs or powerful verbs to describe each word.

Glittering sun streaming through thick, rolling clouds. Excited river babbling and gushing. Towering mountains iced with powdery snow reaching up to the endless sky. Thin trees dancing and swaying. Crisp leaves rustling in the breeze. Damp green moss clinging to the rocks.

- 3. Use your notes to create a piece of descriptive writing in your books. Remember to use full sentences, including correct punctuation, and try to use a mixture of simple and complex sentences.
- 4. When you have finished your piece, read it carefully to make sure it makes sense. Use a dictionary to check your spellings.
- 5. Decorate with a background / surround of the scene.