

A Sparkly Night with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a non-fiction text and explore the use of descriptive language.

Read the passage about Bonfire Night carefully. Answer the questions below using full sentences. Check your spelling and punctuation before you finish.

On the fifth of November, Leo the Lion invited his friends to a local park to celebrate Bonfire Night. The chilly autumn air was filled with the delicious smell of toasted marshmallows and jacket potatoes wrapped in foil, which cost £2.50 each. Everyone wore thick woolly hats and gloves to keep warm as they watched the night sky transform into a canvas of colour. Bright, golden sparks danced through the darkness like fireflies, while deep booms echoed across the field. Leo explained that this tradition started a long time ago to remember a historical event. As the Catherine wheels spun and crackled, Nova the Owl noted how the patterns mirrored the stars she studied every night. It was a truly spectacular evening that brought the whole community together in the cool, crisp air.

Word bank: commemorate · spectacular · tradition · sparklers · atmosphere · celebration

1. Why were Leo and his friends wearing thick hats and gloves? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

2. What two items of food are mentioned in the text, and how much does one of them cost? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy a simile from the passage that describes the sparks. (1 mark)

4. In your own words, explain why Leo the Lion says they celebrate this night. (2 marks)

5. Why do you think the author describes the sky as a 'canvas of colour'? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the scene Leo the Lion described, making sure to include at least three different types of fireworks in the night sky.



Extension challenge: Write a short, descriptive paragraph (4-6 sentences) about the sounds and smells you might experience at a Bonfire Night celebration. Use at least two words from the word bank.