

A Sparkly Night with Nova the Owl

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

Read the passage about Nova's evening. Use the word bank to help you complete the questions below. Then, use your imagination to colour the scene described.

On the fifth of November, Nova the owl perched high in the old oak tree. Below, the village gathered for the annual bonfire display. The air felt crisp and cool, a true autumnal evening. Suddenly, a bright light shot into the sky, whizzing upwards before exploding into a shower of stars. Nova watched as the bonfire sent flickering orange flames dancing into the dark night. The wood made a loud crackling sound, and the smell of toasted marshmallows drifted through the air. It was a spectacular sight, with colours of red, gold, and blue lighting up the clouds.

Word bank: dazzling · flickering · crackling · whizzing · spectacular · vibrant · glow · autumnal

1. Find and copy two adjectives from the passage that describe the bonfire or the fireworks. (2 marks)

2. Why do you think the author used the word 'whizzing' to describe the fireworks? What does it tell us about how they move? (2 marks)

3. List two sensory details from the text (things Nova could see, hear, or smell). (2 marks)

4. If you were buying a ticket for this display, it would cost £4.50. How much would it cost for you and two friends to go together? (2 marks)

5. Write a sentence of your own describing what a firework might look like, using at least one word from the word bank. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl sitting on a branch, looking up at a night sky filled with large, colourful, star-shaped fireworks. Include a warm, glowing bonfire at the bottom of the page.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem about Bonfire Night using an 'AABB' rhyme scheme. Think about the sounds and colours you might see!