

# Bonfire Night: A Night of Spark and Sound

*Learning objective: To use descriptive language to write a vivid recount and create an artistic representation of a historical celebration.*

Read the passage carefully, then use your imagination to draw the scene described. Finally, answer the questions to show your understanding of descriptive writing techniques.

On the fifth of November, the crisp autumn air was filled with the scent of woodsmoke. Max the monkey stood with his friends on a grassy hill, gazing up at the night sky. Suddenly, a golden spark shot upwards, exploding into a shower of emerald and ruby lights. The crowd let out a collective gasp. Above them, the stars were hidden by the brilliant, blooming flowers of fire. Down below, the bonfire crackled and hissed, casting long, dancing shadows against the dark trees. It was a spectacular display of light that turned the black night into a canvas of colour.

*Word bank: dazzling · sizzling · crackle · vibrant · illuminated · silhouette · whizzing · spectacular*

**1. Find two adjectives in the text that describe the colours seen in the fireworks. (2 marks)**

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**2. What does the author compare the fireworks to when they explode in the sky? (2 marks)**

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**3. Why do you think the author used the word 'hissed' to describe the bonfire? (2 marks)**

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**4. If you were standing on the hill with Max, which sense would be the most active? Explain your choice. (3 marks)**

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**5. Suggest one more descriptive word you could add to describe the sound of the fireworks. (1 mark)**

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**Draw:** Draw the scene from the passage. Include Max the monkey looking up at the sky. Make sure to show the vibrant colours of the fireworks, the glowing bonfire, and the way the light creates silhouettes of the trees.



*Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a 'senses' list (what you see, hear, smell, and feel) to describe your own imaginary firework display. Try to use at least three words from the word bank!*