

A Sparkly Night at the Park

Learning objective: To identify and use descriptive language to write a recount of a firework display.

Read the story about Pip the caterpillar's evening out. Then, answer the questions to show how well you understand the sights and sounds of the night.

The air was crisp and chilly as Pip the caterpillar crawled onto a sturdy twig to get the best view of the community firework display. Beside him, Nova the owl perched silently, her eyes reflecting the bright colours. Suddenly, a rocket zoomed into the dark sky with a high-pitched whistle. It burst into a shower of emerald and gold stars that drifted slowly toward the ground. Pip watched, mesmerised, as a Catherine wheel began to spin on a wooden post, creating a glowing circle of light that looked like a spinning coin. The smell of woodsmoke filled the air, and children cheered as the grand finale began. Hundreds of sparks lit up the park, making the trees look as if they were dancing in the golden light. Pip thought it was the most magical night of the year.

Word bank: dazzling · sizzling · whizzing · flickering · catherine wheel · display · atmosphere · glowing

1. What two adjectives does the author use to describe the stars in the sky? (2 marks)

2. How does the author describe the appearance of the Catherine wheel? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the author chose the word 'mesmerised' to describe how Pip felt? (2 marks)

4. Find and copy one word from the text that tells us the weather was cold. (1 mark)

5. Imagine you were at the park with Pip. Write two sentences describing what you might hear during the firework display. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your own version of the grand finale mentioned in the story. Try to include at least three different shapes of fireworks and use bright colours.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem about the sounds of Bonfire Night. Try to use at least three onomatopoeic words, such as 'pop', 'bang', or 'zoom'.