

A Magical Festive Tale with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To write an imaginative Christmas story using descriptive language and consistent tense.

Read the story starter below. Use your imagination to finish the tale. Think about how Leo the Lion feels about the snowy weather and what special discovery he makes in the forest. Remember to use adjectives to describe the setting and adverbs to show how the characters move.

The forest was unusually quiet, covered in a thick blanket of soft, white snow. Leo the Lion pulled his woolly scarf tighter around his neck and took a deep breath of the crisp, cold air. He was on his way to the Great Oak Tree to see if the forest animals had left any poems for the winter celebration. Suddenly, he spotted something gold tucked behind a holly bush. It was not a poem, but a small, glowing box tied with a bright red ribbon.

Word bank: shimmering · festive · frosty · magnificent · whispered · adventure · glittering · cheerfully · mysterious

1. What does Leo the Lion discover behind the holly bush, and how does he feel when he finds it? (2 marks)

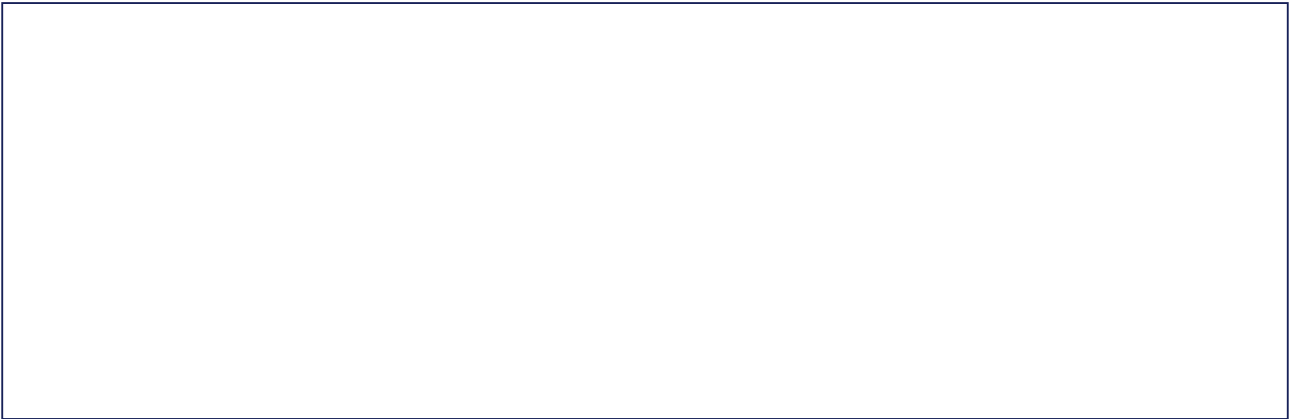
2. Find two adjectives in the passage that describe the snowy forest. Why do you think the author chose these words? (2 marks)

3. If you were Leo, what would you hope to find inside the mysterious golden box? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

4. Write a sentence describing the sound Leo hears as he approaches the box. Use an adverb in your sentence. (2 marks)

5. How do you think the other animals in the forest would react if they saw Leo with the box? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the Lion standing in the snowy forest next to the glowing, _____ golden box. Show the forest animals hiding in the background, watching him curiously.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem from Leo's perspective about the magic of the snowy forest. Try to include at least one rhyming couplet.