

Adventures in the Whispering Woods

Learning objective: To use descriptive language and powerful verbs to write an original setting description.

Read the passage about the Whispering Woods below. Use the word bank to help you add detail to your own creative writing. Answer the questions to build your scene before writing your own short paragraph.

Max the monkey swung through the branches of the Whispering Woods. The leaves were a deep, emerald green and seemed to murmur secrets as the wind passed through them. Sunlight filtered down in golden beams, catching the morning dew on the mossy floor. It was a place where every shadow felt like a story waiting to be told, and the air smelled of damp earth and sweet wildflowers.

Word bank: shimmering · tangled · whispering · ancient · emerald · crackle · mysterious · glistening

1. Find two adjectives in the passage that describe the colours or appearance of the forest. (2 marks)

2. Max uses his senses to explore. Which two senses does the passage describe, and what does he notice? (2 marks)

3. If you were walking through the Whispering Woods, what is one thing you might hear? Use a powerful verb in your answer. (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the author chose to call this place the 'Whispering' Woods? Explain your thoughts. (2 marks)

5. Write a sentence describing what Max might find hidden under a large, ancient oak tree root. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of the Whispering Woods. Include at least three landmarks, such as a sparkling stream, a hollow tree, or a path made of colourful stones.



Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing a magical creature that lives in the woods. Use at least two pieces of fronted adverbial punctuation (e.g., 'Suddenly,', 'Deep in the shadows,') to make your writing more exciting.