

Leo the Lion's Poetry Workshop

Learning objective: To identify and use poetic devices including alliteration, similes, and expanded noun phrases.

Read Leo the Lion's poem about the morning savannah. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions below, ensuring you use full sentences.

The golden sun creeps over the hill,
Everything is quiet, everything is still.
The dew sparkles like diamonds on the grass,
Watching the gentle, grazing giraffe pass.

A soft breeze whispers through the tall, swaying trees,
Carrying the scent of flowers on the morning breeze.
The big, brave lion wakes with a roar,
Ready to explore the wild once more.

Word bank: Alliteration · Simile · Expanded noun phrase · Rhythm · Stanza

1. Find an example of a simile in the first stanza. Explain why it is a simile. (2 marks)

2. Identify an example of alliteration in the second stanza. Which sound is being repeated? (2 marks)

3. Find an expanded noun phrase used to describe the lion. Why does this description help the reader? (2 marks)

4. How many stanzas are there in Leo's poem? (1 mark)

5. If you were writing a poem about your own morning routine, what two adjectives would you use to describe your breakfast? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the scene described in Leo's poem, making sure to include the 'sparkling diamonds' on the grass and the 'tall, swaying trees'.



Extension challenge: Write your own four-line stanza about a different animal. Include one simile and one example of alliteration to make your writing more descriptive.