

Crafting Your Own Adventure with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To plan and illustrate a short narrative using descriptive language and character-driven plot points.

Read the story starter below about Leo the Lion. Use your imagination to finish the tale, then complete the drawing prompt to bring your scene to life.

Leo the Lion stood at the edge of the Whispering Woods, his golden mane catching the morning light. He held a tattered map in his paws, given to him by an old traveller. 'Beyond the Silver Stream,' the map whispered in Leo's mind, 'lies the Grove of Echoes, where the trees hum songs of the past.' Leo took a deep breath, adjusted his explorer's satchel, and stepped onto the mossy path. He wasn't sure what he would find, but he knew that every great story begins with one brave step.

Word bank: courageous · magnificent · rustling · echoing · mysterious · adventure · golden · horizon

1. Why is Leo standing at the edge of the Whispering Woods? (2 marks)

2. Find and copy an adjective from the text that describes the map. (1 mark)

3. If you were Leo, what item would you pack in your satchel for an adventure? Explain why. (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'trees hum songs of the past' tell us about the Grove of Echoes? (2 marks)

5. Write a short sentence describing how Leo might feel as he walks deeper into the woods. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw the 'Grove of Echoes' as you imagine it. Think about the colours of the trees, the light filtering through the leaves, and what Leo sees when he finally arrives.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem about Leo's journey, using at least two words from the word bank provided.