

## Storytelling Adventures with Leo the Lion

*Learning objective: To identify key features of a narrative and understand how authors use descriptive language to build atmosphere.*

Read the story below written by Leo the Lion. Think about how the setting influences the way the characters feel. Answer the questions in the space provided using full sentences.

The sun dipped low behind the Whispering Woods, painting the sky in shades of bruised purple and fiery orange. Leo the Lion stepped cautiously over the mossy roots, his golden mane catching the last rays of light. He was looking for the Great Silver Stream, a place he had only read about in Ellie's dusty history books. The forest was unusually quiet; even the rustling leaves seemed to hold their breath. Suddenly, a soft, rhythmic humming sound drifted through the air. Leo's ears twitched. He knew he was close. With a deep breath, he pushed aside a curtain of thick ivy and gasped. There it was: a river that shimmered like a ribbon of moonlight, flowing silently through the heart of the ancient forest.

*Word bank: Atmosphere · Fronted adverbial · Characterisation · Setting · Narrative · Adjective*

**1. What does the author mean when he describes the sky as 'bruised purple and fiery orange'? (2 marks)**

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**2. Find and copy one example of a fronted adverbial used in the first paragraph. (1 mark)**

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**3. How does the author use the forest's silence to create a sense of mystery? (2 marks)**

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**4. Why is Leo looking for the Great Silver Stream? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)**

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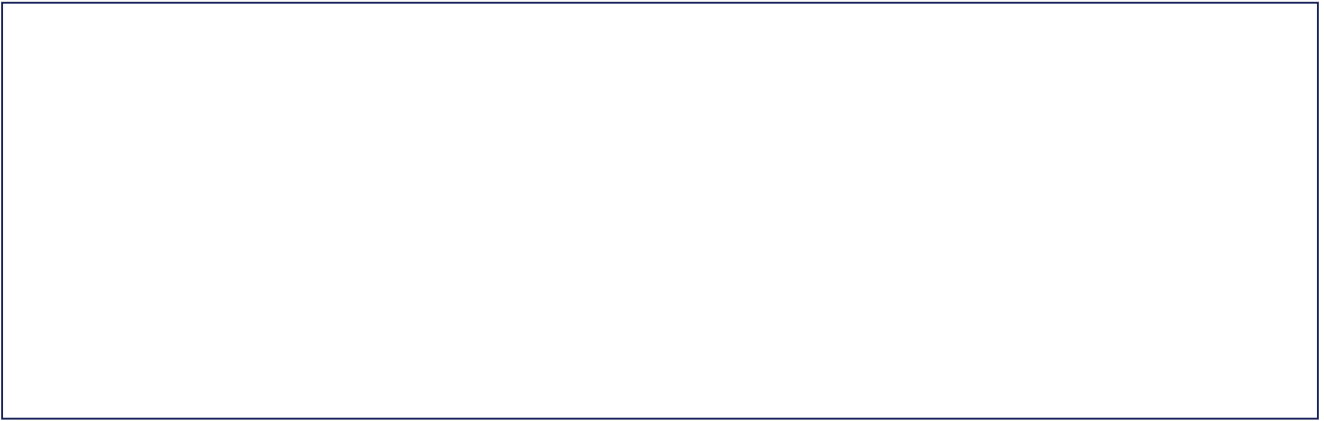
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**5. If Leo were to buy a map of the forest from a local explorer for £4.50, how much change would he get from a £10 note? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw your own version of the Great Silver Stream. Use labels to point out the features that make it look magical or ancient.



*Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing what Leo finds when he reaches the edge of the river. Use at least two powerful adjectives and one simile.*