

Storytelling Magic with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To use adventurous vocabulary and descriptive language to enhance narrative writing.

Read the passage about Leo's adventure. Use the word bank to help you write your own short story, then answer the questions below.

Leo the Lion stood at the edge of the Whispering Woods. The trees stretched up like giant fingers towards the stars. He took a deep, courageous breath and stepped forward. Ahead, a shimmering path of silver light led him deep into the forest. He noticed an ancient stone archway covered in glowing moss. Leo felt a sense of excitement; he knew that a magnificent story was waiting to be discovered behind the ivy-covered walls.

Word bank: courageous · magnificent · mysterious · whispering · triumphant · shimmering · enchanted · suddenly · breathtaking · ancient

1. Find and copy two adjectives from the passage that describe the woods or the path. (2 marks)

2. Why did Leo feel a sense of excitement when he reached the stone archway? (2 marks)

3. If Leo found a golden key worth £5.50 and a silver key worth £3.25, how much would they cost altogether? (2 marks)

4. Explain why the author used the word 'whispering' to describe the woods. What does this suggest about the forest? (3 marks)

5. Rewrite this sentence using a word from the word bank to make it more descriptive: 'Leo walked into the woods.' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of what Leo might find on the other side of the ancient stone archway. Use at least three colours to show the magical atmosphere.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing a new character Leo meets in the woods. Use at least three words from the word bank and include a piece of dialogue.