

English

Year 8 Term 1B Descriptive Writing Knowledge Organiser

1 Techniques - alliteration - the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words. eg "the alliteration of 'sweet birds sang'"	11 vocabulary - wow word - Squally (adj meaning brief periods of violent wind or rain)	21 Language feature - collective noun - a noun that refers to some sort of group or collective – of people, animals, things, etc. eg the <i>team</i> played well
2 Techniques - metaphor - A figure of speech where two things that are normally unrelated are compared to each other, making it appear that one thing really is the other. <i>Eg His eyes were fire.</i>	12 vocabulary - wow word - neglected (adj meaning abandoned)	22 Language features - adverb - Adverbs are words that tell us how, when, where, how often, or how much. An adverb can modify a verb (e.g., runs quickly), an adjective (e.g., extremely small), ...
3 Techniques - simile - a type of figurative language that describes something by comparing it to something else with the words like or as. <i>Eg As cold as ice cream.</i>	13 vocabulary - wow word - fascinating (meaning: extremely interesting)	23 Language feature - adjectives - Adjectives are words used to describe and give more information about a noun, which could be a person, place or object. Eg The <i>icy</i> rain fell on the <i>cold, wintry</i> morning.
4 Techniques - hyperbole - a way of speaking or writing that makes someone or something sound much bigger, better, smaller, worse, more unusual, etc., than they are: eg <i>There are a million stars in the sky.</i>	14 vocabulary - wow word - bizarre - (adjective meaning very strange or unusual)	24 Sentence types - simple sentence- a sentence that is made up of just one independent clause. Eg The man was shot.
5 Techniques - personification - a type of figurative language that gives human traits to animals, plants, objects, and other non-human things. <i>Eg The tree waved its arms in the breeze</i>	15 vocabulary - wow words - tempestuous (adj meaning stormy)	25 Sentence types - compound sentence - a sentence that connects two independent clauses, typically with a coordinating conjunction like and or but. The man was shot and everyone left the scene.
6 Sentence types - a subject start - eg The <u>dog</u> ran home.	16 Synonyms for nice - delightful, pleasant, marvellous,	26 Sentence types - complex sentences - made up of a main clause and a subordinate clause connected to each other with a subordinating conjunction. Eg The man, who was shot, left the scene before being arrested later that day.
7 Sentence types - A 'where' or 'when' start - eg <u>On the beach</u> there was a shipwreck.	17 Synonyms for said - uttered, remarked, commented, declared, announced	27 Dialogue - a conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play, or film.
8 Sentence types - 'ing' start eg <u>Standing</u> on the beach, the child searched for his brother.	18 Synonyms for cold - icy, chilly, frosty, numbing, bitter	28 Characters - a person in a novel, play, or film.
9 Sentence types - 'ed' start eg Frightened by the storm, the boy went home.	19 Language feature - verb - an action or doing word eg <i>The girl sang.</i>	29 Setting - the place or type of surroundings where something is positioned or where an event takes place.
10 Five senses - see, hear, smell, taste, touch	20 Language feature - proper noun - a noun that serves as the name for a specific place, person, or thing. Always has a capital letter eg Shevington.	30 Abstract noun - a noun that refers to a feeling or a sense eg love or anger