

English Tasks - Week 2 Summer Term

These lessons are all short and should take between 15-30 minutes each.



Write a description of the African Plains.

Lesson 1

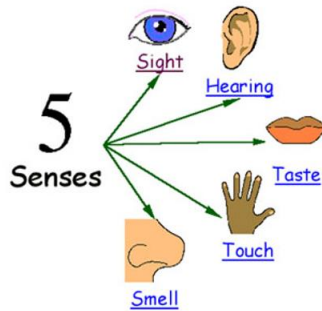
Watch the film Catch It. Look closely at the scenery.

Imagine you were in the picture above. Use your senses. What would you be able to see? What would the weather be like? How would the sun and sand feel? What animals would you be able to hear? Gather your ideas on a piece of paper.

Can you think of expanded noun phrases and similes e.g. many dark, billowing clouds or some tall, bushy trees.

Setting

- When you write about a setting, you need to make sure you use lots of description so a reader can picture themselves there.
- Effective descriptions appeal to the senses.



Lesson 2

Use the ideas that you gathered in lesson 1 to write a description of the setting in the film. Remember when you wrote settings with Mrs Branigan in the last week at school? Try to include a simile and expanded noun phrases.

Lesson 3

Watch the film again and turn it into a comic strip. Use speech bubbles to show what the characters are saying to each other.

Use a sheet of A4 paper and ask an adult to divide it into boxes (6 or 8 boxes will be fine). You can even change one of the characters if you like and change the story slightly!

Lesson 4

Finish off the comic strip if you need to.

Choose either the vulture or one of the meerkats and write five questions that you would like to ask them if you met them. Think about how they acted in the film. Hot seat an adult.

Lesson 5

Choose your favourite scene in the film and try and create a short conversation between two of the characters. Use speech marks and interesting words for said. I've included a sheet to remind you how to punctuate speech with inverted commas.

“Inverted Commas”

Beginning and End
Keep your inverted commas at the beginning and the end of the words being spoken.
“Stop!” I said.

New Speaker, New Line
Start a new line whenever someone new speaks.
“How are you doing today?” asked Henry. ←
“I’m great!” said Ashton.

Capital Letter
Begin what is spoken with a capital letter!
“What an amazing day!” he announced.

Commas
Remember to add commas.
Ashton whispered, “Be quiet!”
“Goodbye,” said Jules.

Different Names
Inverted Commas are also called:
Speech Marks
Quotation Marks

Punctuation
Make sure your speech is correctly punctuated!
“There are times, I feel, that you are a little cold,” I said.

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