Narrative Writing - Settings

Skills burst!

Think of 5 POWER/ WOW words to decribe the setting...

Luscious, green foliage

Insufferable heat

Craggy, rocky stone face

Rickety bridge

Tranquil, shimmering

Pizza sentences

Example:

- An island...
- A tropical, deserted island...
- A tropical, deserted island, with palm trees towering above
- A tropical, deserted island, with palm trees towering above; casting dancing shadows on the surface of the tranquil, shimmering water below.

Now can you think of two similes and two metaphors for this setting.

Here are some examples:

Simile

The tranquil, shimmering water surrounds the island like a glass mirror reflecting the clear blue sky above.

Metaphor

The sand surrounding the island is a golden carpet on which the turtles crawl.

The trees are an umbrella under which the island shelters from the blazing sun.

Your turn! Try and generate 5 wow words or phrases for the setting below.

Use this vocabulary to create your own pizza sentences.

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Part 2

Your task is to create a detailed descriptive paragraph. You can choose to write your paragraph about the settings we've looked at in the previous video or you can choose from the pictures below.

Here's what a good one looks like!

It is winter. The dead of winter. The dead of winter; where nothing stirs. The moonlight glistens in the night sky; it is a shimmering white ball suspended in mid-air. A broken house in the distance beckons you. It is a forbidding scene, yet you're drawn to it. You feel the darkness creeps into your soul. You approach the derelict house nobody has ventured into for centuries. You hear the trees creak, the leaves descend and the vultures gather and hover above, like black clouds swallowing the sun. A door slowly creaks and opens by itself; as if to welcome you. You stumble inside and feel the floorboards creak beneath your feet. You notice a box of abandoned, rusty knives sitting on a half-broken doorstep. You feel a soft, silky, spider web brush lightly against your frozen face. A gramaphone stands forgotten. You hear music playing from a forgotten age on a loop. In the distance you notice a cupboard. The door is ajar, the drawer hangs out. You approach slowly, ever so slowly. Your hair stands on end as your eyes take in what is inside...

Recap!

- 1 star – create a word bank full of wow words and phrases for two of the settings using the pictures given. Use these to create two pizza sentences.
- 2 star - create a word bank full of wow words and phrases for two of the settings using the pictures given. As well as the pizza sentences we'd like you to create two similes for your settings.
- 3 star – create a word bank of wow words and phrases. Create pizza sentences for your chosen settings. Have a go at create 2 similes and metaphors for your settings. Then use all the all of your ideas to build up into 2 paragraphs for your two settings. We expect to see lots of descriptive phrases and sentences, alliteration, at least one simile and metaphor. Look back at the example and think of all the senses the writer has considered (what will you see, hear, feel, smell).

How we want you to set out your work.

We've shared the pictures with you. Depending on which challenge you choose to do, we'd like the work to be J2Office document with your wow words, building up to your pizza sentences. Then your similes and metaphors and finally your descriptive paragraph on the next page. You may wish to copy and paste the image you've chosen at the top of your J2Office Writer document.