

Challenge 1

- Write a description of the setting, and how it feels to be there.
- You should create an eerie/sombre mood (look up definition in the dictionary if you are unsure)
 - Writing in third person –
 - Use the 4 elements of mood to create the atmosphere.

4 MAIN ELEMENTS OF MOOD AND ATMOSPHERE

1. Precise vocabulary

Words can create a positive or a negative mood. Using words that have 'shades of meaning' can have a huge effect too. EG: The fluffy clouds were dotted all over the sky, like candy floss is really different to: Overhead, heavy grey storm clouds loomed – echoing her mood.

2. Tone

How do the characters feel about what is happening? How do they react to events and what do they say about the setting? EG: a character describing his house as a 'DUMP' sets the tone.

3. Setting

Choosing a setting carefully is vital. It can make a huge difference (and do a lot of your work and description for you!) For example a birthday party is very different if it takes place in a graveyard, a park, a circus tent, an airplane, etc.... Or if it is snowing, stormy, raining, sunny etc.

4. Imagery

This is where you create sensory images with words. It brings the sights, smells, and textures of the setting and characters to life. It is very powerful – especially when used in conjunction with number 1.

Techniques include: Personification, metaphors etc..

Challenge 2

- Write a description of the setting, and how it feels to be there.
- You should create a sad mood.
- Write in third person
- Use precise vocabulary to convey the mood.

Sentence starter :

As I stepped out of the car, I looked up to see....

Desolate
Deserted
Abandoned
Forgotten
Unwanted
Neglected

Ferris wheel
Dodgems
Train
Overgrowth
Nature reclaims
Desperate

Hotels
Chernobyl
Ukraine
Pripyat

Challenge 3

- **Write sentences to describe the images, working in a group.**
- **To include precise vocabulary.**

How can you use all your senses and precise vocabulary to make your reader feel excited?





