

Worksheet 1 – Descriptive Writing

1. Start by drawing a table like the one below:

LANGUAGE FEATURES	EXAMPLE	STRUCTURAL FEATURE	EXAMPLE

- Now, try to add as many features as you can into columns 1 and 3.
- Once you have done this, write an example of this type of feature in the relevant column.

Have a look at the example below to get you started.

LANGUAGE FEATURE	EXAMPLE	STRUCTURAL FEATURE	EXAMPLE
Simile	The beachball was like the sun.	Connectives	Once, next, later...

OR

- Complete this mix and match activity. Join the correct literary device to its definition and its example.

The first one has been completed for you.

Literary Device	Definition	Example
Simile	To give something inanimate (not human) human characteristics	The chair was royal blue, with golden beads and a soft cushion. It smelt of old leather.
Metaphor	Comparing two things using 'like' or 'as'	Her hair was golden like the sun, her eyes as blue as the ocean.
Imagery	Painting a picture with words (can include adjectives, adverbs, 5 senses)	The wind moaned and the trees tapped on the window pane.
Pathetic Fallacy	Using the weather to set the mood of a piece	He was a cheetah, fast, lean and with his eyes on the prey.
Colour Use	Comparing something as if it was/is something else	The storm raged outside and he clenched his fists in anger.
Personification	Using colour to suggest a feeling or personality of a character	The princess wore yellow. She was a happy girl who loved to play.