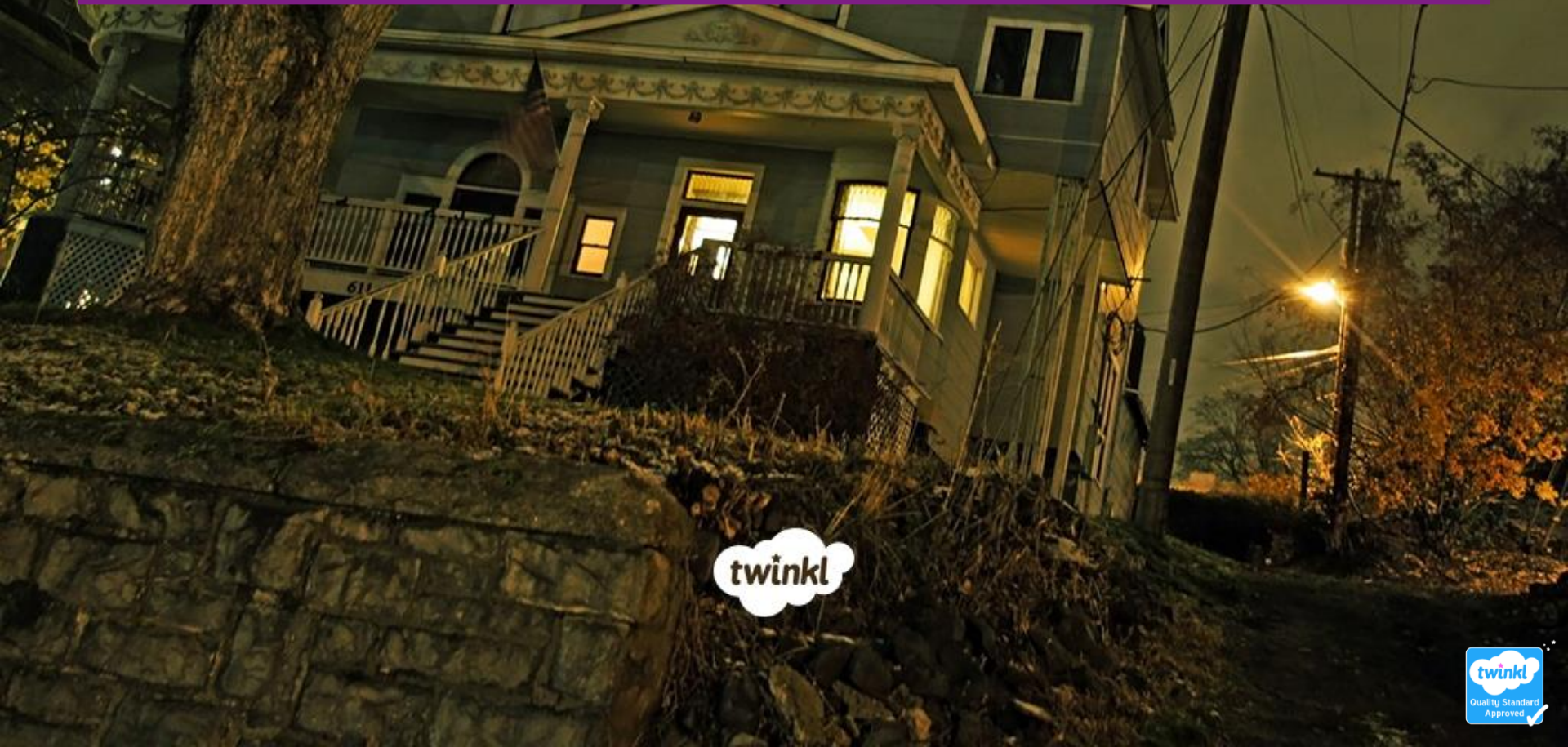


Descriptive Writing

Describing a Setting



We are learning to:

- Create an interesting setting.
- Use adjectives and 'wow' words to develop a sense of atmosphere.

Success Criteria

- To understand the terms 'setting' and 'atmosphere'.
- To use descriptive techniques and 'wow' words (adjectives) to describe a setting.

What Does 'Setting' Mean?

Every story has a 'setting'.



Pause for Thought
What do you think
this means?

Every good story creates 'atmosphere'.



Pause for Thought
What do you think
this means?



Key Terms

setting - where a story
takes place
atmosphere - the tone or
mood created

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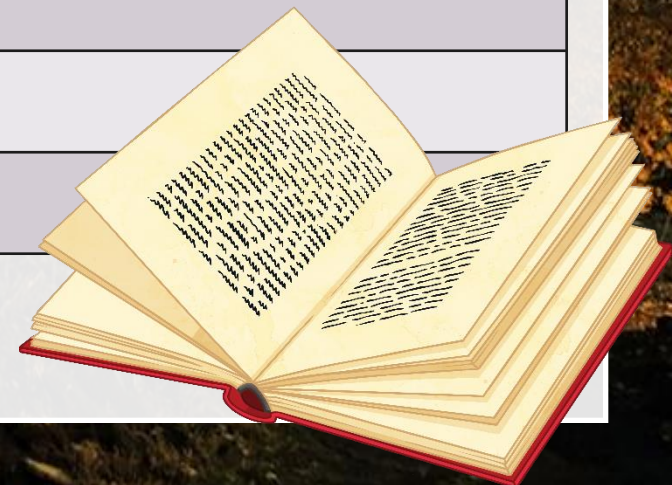


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Harry Potter / adventure	Hogwarts	Magical, enchanted, dangerous
Beetle Boy / Mystery	London, UK	Tense, dangerous,



Consider the Image



Consider the two images below:

Think of as many interesting details as possible that you think could be described about one of the settings.



Time to Get Creative



Task

1. Choose a image, from the ones provided on the slides or one you've found.
2. Fill in the 'Description Bubble' (an example is on the next slide).
3. Using your description bubble, write an opening to a story which sets the scene and creates an exciting atmosphere.
4. Self-assess your work against the core targets before submitting it to assignments.

Aim to use:

Adjectives/Noun phrases

Personification

Metaphors

Similes

Powerful verb choices/adverbs



Description Bubble Example

Doing/ verb

Watching, waiting, looking

Number

Miles

Size

Mountains – enormous
Me – small

Position

Towering over
Peak of the mountain
Highlands of Scotland
Clouds – sweeping
above



Colour

Sunset – Golden yellow
Dark shadows
Grass/plants - Luscious
green

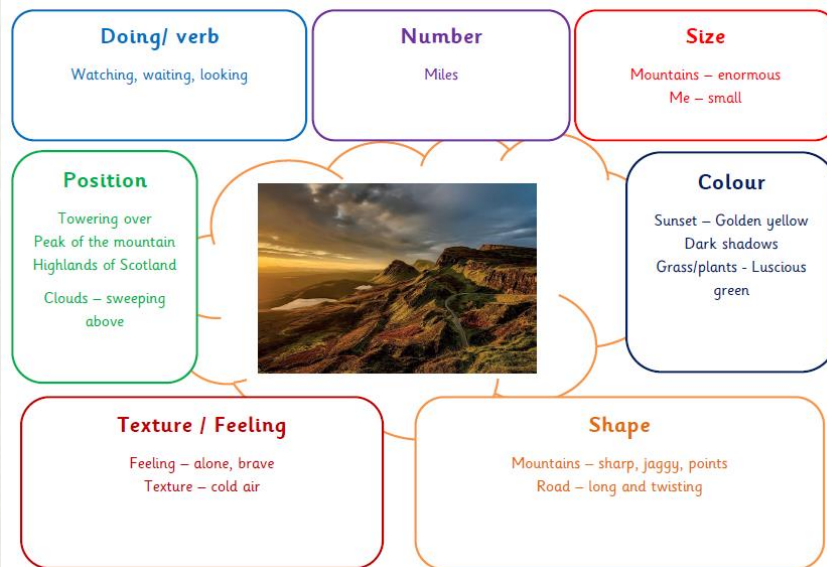
Texture / Feeling

Feeling – alone, brave
Texture – cold air

Shape

Mountains – sharp, jaggy, points
Road – long and twisting

Using the Description Bubble Example



As I **stood towering** over the valley **below** I felt **tiny** and **alone**. There was an eerie stillness to the landscape **below**. The **dark** clouds rolled in overhead, darkening the **luscious green** landscape below. The **jagged** mountains in the **distance** were **enormous** compared to the **small, twisting** road that flowed like a river amongst them. The **cold air** **whipped around** me. I felt **brave**, like an eagle waiting to take flight. The **Highlands of Scotland** were still and **peaceful**. I took a seat on a **cold** rock and watched the **golden** sun disappear.

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