


Setting descriptions knowledge organiser

Year 4

What should I already know?	What a good one looks like!	Setting description toolkit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Descriptive language• Expanded noun phrases• Adjectives• Adverbs• Fronted adverbials• Show not tell• Past tense 		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Descriptive language• Description using the senses• Show not tell• Adventurous adverbs• Similes• Present tense• Present perfect 
What will I know by the end of this unit?	<p><i>Dark purple clouds sprawl across the sky, billowing in from the west. The trees, etched different shades of brilliant green against their ever-darkening backdrop, stretch out their leaf-laden branches expectantly. The suffocatingly humid air grows heavy; the scent of rain is dark and heady on the stiffening breeze.</i></p> <p><i>The birds fall silent. A stillness descends. For a moment, everything stops... Even the wind holds its breath until a jagged, startling, streak of silver splits the indigo sky.</i></p> <p><i>A deep rumble of thunder growls in the distance like an angry lion announcing its presence. Increasing in intensity, it echoes round the hills, travelling across fields and villages, rattling the rooftops. Heavy drops of rain begin to splatter spasmodically onto the parched ground until, suddenly, the heavens open and the deluge is unleashed.</i></p> <p>More examples can be found at: https://www.literacywagall.com/settings.html</p>	Prior learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to set the scene effectively.• How to write in different tenses.• Edit and up-level vocabulary choice.• How to hook in your reader.• Use the senses to show not tell.• Write with adventurous adverbs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Story writing in year 3 - Time slip scarab, The Canal, The adventurous snail.• Story writing in year 2 - traditional tales. Little red riding hood, We're going on a bear hunt.	Authors who set the scene well!
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• C S Lewis• Michael Morpurgo• Shaun Tan <p>Try these lists of top books for inspiration: https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/ https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/</p>

