



Winter Wonderland

In this wintry landscape, the world looks frozen. A thick, blanket of snow covers the ground making everything clean and bright. Every step I take leaves a fresh, crisp footprint in the snow, as if I am the only person to have ever been here. The icy air whistles around my ears as the birds swoop through the sky, causing my skin to tingle and sting. Snow falls gently from the sky, tickling the end of my nose and tempting me to stick out my tongue and have a taste. All around, the snowflakes twinkle as they catch the rays of winter sunshine and icicles glisten like precious jewels as they hang from the branches. Everything sparkles, as if a fairy has sprinkled her dust over the entire world. In the distance, a brilliant blue stream gurgles as it cuts a path through the landscape, winding towards a snow-encrusted log cabin with wisps of smoke rising from the chimney. Colours, like the flash of ginger as a fox rushes past or the red breast of a robin perched on high are brighter against the pure white that spreads as far as the eye can see. The air smells pure and fresh. Everything seems quieter, almost muffled. There is a sense of serenity in the atmosphere and I am at peace.



Purpose: To entertain the reader by describing a setting

Key features

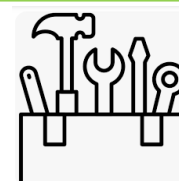


Structural:

- Start with a general description of the setting
- Then describe different parts of the setting in detail
- Finish with a sentence to describe how you feel in the setting

Language:

- Expanded noun phrases: thick, blanket of snow
- Use of the senses: a brilliant blue stream gurgles
- Similes: icicles glisten like precious jewels
- Fronted adverbials: All around, the snowflakes twinkle.



Writer's toolbox

Fronted adverbials:

Beyond In the distance
Through the trees Up ahead
Overhead On the ground

Similes:

Comparing one thing with another using like or as:

*The clouds were **as fluffy as** marshmallows.*

Punctuation:

Remember to use commas in a list
Try and use commas to mark fronted adverbials

Vocabulary:

Landscape	Crisp
Whistles	Swoop
Tempting	Twinkle
Glisten	Sprinkled
Perched	Muffled

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