Write to entertain: Character description

Purpose: To allow the reader to visualise the character's appearance and personality

Character description: The Fire Dragon

The fire dragon is a fearsome dragon who spreads terror, destruction and death. It has luminescent red and orange scales which reflect in the sunlight and give the impression that the whole body is glowing like embers in a furnace. Huge black spikes jut from the spine and run all the way down its back leading to a long, red tail which is curled protectively round its body. Two yellow eyes sit atop a lizard-like head: they smoulder with menace ready to strike at any moment. The smell of smoke, sulphur and charred meat hangs in the air and the razor sharp claws drip with blood from the previous hunt. Enormous, scaly wings beat through the air as the dragon takes flight and they cast an ominous shadow over the landscape below. Without warning, the dragon swoops downwards like a meteor causing the ground to tremble in its wake and scorching torrents of flame erupt from the dragon's gaping mouth. No prey stands a chance in the face of such a terrifying creature.
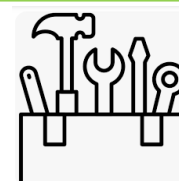

Key features

Structural:

-Describe the character generally at first and then focus on specific things.

-Give examples of how they behave as well as a description of what they look like.

-End on a final statement about the character.

Language:

-Expanded noun phrases: *enormous, scaly wings*

-Similes to compare: *glowing like embers in a furnace*

-Powerful verbs to show what it does: *swoops downwards*

Writer's toolbox

Similes:

Similes compare one thing with another:

The Dragon swoops downwards like a meteor.

Powerful verbs:

Use powerful verbs to show how the dragon behaves:

Enormous, scaly wings <u>beat</u> through the air.

Punctuation:

Remember to use commas in a list

Try and use a colon to separate two independent clauses about the same thing.

Vocabulary:

Destruction	Luminescent
Jut	Smoulder
Menace	Charred
Ominous	Torrents

Recommended reads