WRITING • YEAR 6

Descriptive Writing Using Figurative Language

Use similes, metaphors and personification to make a setting or character come alive.

Name _____ **Date** _____

1 Meet the figurative language

Read each reminder, then try writing a phrase of your own.

SIMILE
Compares two things using *like* or *as*.
Write a simile:

METAPHOR
Says that one thing is another to create an image.
Write a metaphor:

PERSONIFICATION
Gives a non-human thing human actions or feelings.
Personify something:

2 Pick a subject

Choose one spark below, or invent your own setting or character.

A SETTING
An overgrown garden after a long winter

A CHARACTER
A traveller waiting alone at a late-night station

3 Plan three vivid details

Jot an idea for each technique. Add precise words from the senses.

Technique	My image or phrase	Sensory words to add
Simile		
Metaphor		
Personification		

4 Write your descriptive paragraph

Write about 80–100 words. Use all three techniques and underline each one.

FINAL CHECK

- ☐ I used a simile, a metaphor and personification.
- ☐ I checked my capital letters and punctuation.