

# Character Description Word Mat

## Face

adorable  
attractive  
beautiful  
black  
blotchy  
blushing  
brown  
cheerful  
cruel  
cute  
freckled  
gloomy  
gorgeous  
jaunty  
kind  
long  
loving  
miserable

morose  
narrow  
olive  
odd  
plump  
round  
sallow  
scrunched  
slim  
striking  
stunning  
sullen  
sunburnt  
sunken  
unusual  
white  
wicked  
wrinkled

## Hair

afro  
braided  
coarse  
corkscrews  
crimped  
curly  
dark  
fine  
floppy  
frizzy  
ginger  
golden  
greasy  
luscious  
messy  
neat  
ringlets  
shiny

tangled  
thick  
wavy  
wild  
wispy

## Body

angular  
athletic  
broad  
bulky  
burly  
frail  
lithe  
muscular  
narrow  
plump  
slender  
slight  
slim  
stout  
wide  
willowy  
wiry

## Voice

booming  
brittle  
clear  
confident  
croaking  
echoing  
flat  
gruff  
hushed  
inaudible  
loud  
quiet  
quivering  
raspy  
shrill  
wheezy  
whispering

## Clothes

clean  
damaged  
fashionable  
flowing  
ill-fitting  
modern  
neat  
old-fashioned  
pristine  
spotless  
stylish  
tidy  
torn  
untidy  
unkempt  
vintage  
worn

## Movement

blundering  
edging  
hobbling  
limping  
looming  
pacing  
plodding  
racing  
scrambling  
skulking  
stalking  
stooping  
striding  
strutting  
stumbling  
sweeping  
trudging

# Descriptive Settings: Forests and Woodland

## What Can I Describe?

bark  
berries  
birds  
brambles  
branches  
deer  
fallen leaves  
ferns  
foxes  
ground  
insects  
ivy  
mice  
moss  
pine cones  
spiders  
squirrels  
thickets  
trees  
trunks  
undergrowth

## How Can I Describe It?

abundant  
chirping  
creaking  
damp  
decaying  
earthy  
fallen  
gloomy  
humming  
impenetrable  
peaceful  
rotting  
rough  
serene  
shady  
silent  
stagnant  
sun-dappled  
tangled  
tranquil  
whistling

## What Can It Do?

bend  
creep  
govern  
groan  
jut  
perch  
protrude  
rise  
rustle  
scamper  
scrabble  
scramble  
scurry  
settle  
shuffle  
slouch  
stumble  
sway  
twist  
weave  
whisper

## Examples of Effective Phrases

The rustling leaves sang a soothing melody...

...sun-dappled secrets being uncovered...

...scampered and scurried through a labyrinth of roots and fallen foliage...

The haunting shadows of branches danced across the floor...

...holding its majestic crown of leaves high...



# Descriptive Settings: Fairy Tale Cottage

## What Can I Describe?

atmosphere  
beams  
building material  
chimney  
cleanliness  
doors  
fireplace  
flooring  
furniture  
garden  
history  
lighting  
occupants  
pathway  
roof  
rooms  
smell  
surroundings  
trinkets  
visitors  
windows

## How Can I Describe It?

antique  
cosy  
derelict  
detached  
dilapidated  
enchanted  
homely  
homemade  
humble  
idyllic  
isolated  
lowly  
modest  
picturesque  
pleasant  
quaint  
remote  
secluded  
shabby  
snug  
tiny

## What Can It Do?

adjoin  
belong  
build  
dwell  
enter  
furnish  
inhabit  
live  
lodge  
nestle  
occupy  
overlook  
perch  
ramble  
return  
settle  
situate  
stand  
stay  
surround  
visit

## Examples of Effective Phrases

...aged beams hung low overhead...

Nestled amongst the luscious, rolling hills...

...quaintly occupying the landscape...

Surrounded by acres of emptiness...

...the picturesque residence was dreamlike...

...snug within the tiny, humble bungalow.



# Setting Description Senses Word Mat

## Sights

ancient  
angular  
bright  
bustling  
cluttered  
crowded  
dazzling  
disappointing  
dusty  
empty  
enormous  
fashionable  
glistening  
gloomy  
grim  
hectic  
impressive  
luxurious  
miniscule  
misshapen  
rounded  
spotless  
unkempt  
wonderful

## Sounds

banging  
buzzing  
discordant  
gurgling  
grating  
howling  
loud  
low-level  
melodic  
muttering  
noisy  
quiet  
raucous  
ringing  
rustling  
scratching  
screeching  
scuffling  
silent  
tapping  
thumping  
tuneful  
wailing  
whispering

## Smells

clean	homely
clinical	mouth-watering
damp	perfumed
delicious	pleasant
disgusting	pungent
dusty	refreshing
earthy	sickening
exotic	smoky
familiar	tangy
floral	tempting
fresh	unfamiliar
fruity	unusual

## Sensations

bumpy  
cool  
damp  
forceful  
freezing  
gentle  
hard  
itchy  
jagged  
loose  
pleasant  
rough  
slippery  
smooth  
soaking  
soft  
sticky  
stifling  
sweltering  
tickly  
tight  
uncomfortable  
unpleasant  
wobbly

## Feelings

amazed  
anxious  
ashamed  
calm  
confident  
curious  
disappointed  
eager  
excited  
exhilarated  
furious  
impressed  
lazy  
lonely  
miserable  
nauseated  
nervous  
overawed  
overjoyed  
proud  
reluctant  
serene  
terrified  
underwhelmed



# Sentence Openers

## Time

One day  
One morning  
One evening  
After that  
After a while  
Before long  
Afterwards  
As soon as  
At last  
A moment later  
In the meantime  
Later on  
Meanwhile  
Soon  
During  
Now  
Next week  
All of a sudden

## Order

At first  
First  
Second  
Third  
Then  
Last  
Finally  
Next



## Where

In the middle of the...  
Under the bridge...  
Over the bridge...  
In the distance...  
Far away...  
In a far off land...  
Inside of...  
At the end of...  
On top of the...  
Next to the...  
Nearby...  
Opposite the...



## To add information

Again  
Also  
Another  
Along with...  
For example...  
As well as



## Comparisons

However  
Yet  
Despite  
Still  
Unlike  
Even though  
Although  
Rather than



# Colour Thesaurus Vocabulary Grid

grey	shadow	graphite	iron	pewter	brown	mocha	coffee	peanut	carob	orange	tangerine	marigold	cider	rust	red	cherry	rose	jam	merlot
cloud	silver	smoke	slate	anchor	hickory	wood	pecan	walnut	caramel	ginger	tiger	fire	bronze	melon	garnet	crimson	ruby	scarlet	wine
ash	porpoise	dove	fog	flint	gingerbread	syrup	chocolate	tortilla	amber	apricot	clay	honey	carrot	squash	brick	apple	mahogany	blood	sangria
charcoal	pebble	lead	coin	fossil	tawny	brunette	cinnamon	penny	cedar	spice	marmalade	amber	sandstone	ochre	berry	currant	blush	candy	lipstick
green	leaves	juniper	sage	lime	blue	cyan	sky	navy	indigo	purple	mauve	violet	boysenberry	lavender	pink	rose	fuchsia	punch	blush
fern	olive	emerald	pear	moss	cobalt	teal	ocean	peacock	azure	plum	burgundy	lilac	grape	periwinkle	watermelon	flamingo	rouge	salmon	coral
shamrock	seafoam	pine	parakeet	mint	cerulean	lapis	spruce	stone	denim	blackcurrant	aubergine	jam	iris	heather	peach	strawberry	rosewood	lemonade	marshmallow
seaweed	gherkin	pistachio	basil	crocodile	berry	butterfly	admiral	sapphire	arctic	amethyst	raisin	orchid	mulberry	wine	bubble-gum	blossom	crepe	magenta	hot pink
yellow	canary	gold	daffodil	flaxen	tan	beige	camel	hazel wood	granola	white	pearl	alabaster	snow	ivory	black	ebony	crow	charcoal	midnight
butter	lemon	mustard	corn	medallion	oat	taupe	fawn	magnolia	sand	cream	eggshell	cotton	chiffon	salt	ink	raven	oil	grease	onyx
dandelion	fire	bumblebee	banana	butterscotch	sepia	latte	oyster	biscotti	parmesan	lace	coconut	linen	bone	daisy	pitch	soot	sable	jet	coal
goldenrod	honey	blonde	pineapple	sunrise	hazelnut	sandcastle	buttermilk	sand dollar	shortbread	powder	frost	porcelain	parchment	rice	leather	obsidian	spider	blackberry	bat

## Fronted Adverbials

Fronted Adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows.

Time	Frequency	Place	Manner	Possibility
Afterwards, Already, Always, Immediately, Last month, Now, Soon, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Next year, In January, On Tuesday, In the morning, After a while, As soon as she could, Before long, All of a sudden, In the blink of an eye, Just then, Eventually, Later,	Often, Again, Daily, Weekly, Fortnightly, Yearly, Sometimes, Rarely, Every second, Twice a year, Once a minute, Once, Once or twice, Three times, Constantly, Regularly, Frequently, Infrequently, Occasionally, Rarely, Never in my life, Never before,	Above the clouds, Below the sea, Here, Outside, Over there, There, Under the ground, Upstairs, In the distance, Between the sea and the sky, Everywhere she looked, Around the tent, Back at the house, Nearby, Down by the cliffs, Behind the shed, In the wooden box, Over my bed, Somewhere near here, Far away, Wherever they went, North of here,	Sadly, Slowly, Happily, Awkwardly, Bravely, Like a ... , As quick as a flash, As fast as he could, Without a sound, Without warning, Unexpectedly, Unfortunately, Suddenly, Mysteriously, Frantically, Anxiously, Courageously, Silently, Curiously, Nervously, Rapidly, Carefully,	Almost unbelievably, Much admired, Nearly asleep, Quite understandably, Really happily, Perhaps, Maybe, Just arrived, Certainly amused, Obviously angry, Definitely confused, Completely exhausted, Barely alive, Out of breath, Decidedly unimpressed, Perfectly confident, Positively trembling with excitement, Purely practically, Somewhat flustered, Utterly joyous, Totally overwhelmed,



# Constructing an Expanded Noun Phrase

A noun is a thing, person or idea. An expanded noun phrase provides extra information about the noun. You can use a determiner, adjectives and a prepositional phrase within your expanded noun phrase to describe and specify details about the noun.

Determiner	Adjectives	Noun	Prepositional Phrase
<p>A determiner is a word which comes before a noun or any modifiers, such as adjectives. They introduce the noun and give the reader important information about it.</p> <p>the a an my these her our your five some many those</p>	<p>Adjectives are words which describe a noun. You can use two adjectives to describe a noun but they must be separated by a comma, e.g. the huge, hairy spider.</p> <p>colourful gigantic miniature pristine dilapidated ancient obnoxious mischievous crumpled ecstatic muscular rectangular</p>	<p>The noun is the thing, person or idea that the expanded noun phrase is about.</p> <p>socks bus engine bottle television pond custard paper lettuce caravan tongue Linda imagination</p>	<p>A preposition is a word which indicates place or direction. A prepositional phrase usually includes a preposition and a noun or a pronoun.</p> <p>beside the river near the town in the water during the night through the winter this evening on the table between the houses underneath the waterfall before morning towards home</p>

Use the boxes above to plan out and construct an expanded noun phrase, such as: the fierce, ugly troll beneath the bridge

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# Showing Not Telling

## Emotions & Feelings

<p><b>AFRAID</b></p> <p>hands shaking knees like jelly covered mouth with hand heavy, fast breathing heart pounding whimpering</p>	<p><b>NERVOUS</b></p> <p>tapping hands or feet biting bottom lip/nails butterflies in stomach stuttering lump in your throat playing with hair</p>	<p><b>EMBARRASED</b></p> <p>blushing/turn red hanging head low holding back tears rolling eyes stomach flips hiding face</p>
<p><b>ANGRY</b></p> <p>red in the face hands on hips jaw/fists clenched veins popping dark squinted eyes punching hand into fist</p>	<p><b>HOT</b></p> <p>bright red face sweat on face/back fanning self with hand moving slowly panting for breath drenched hairline</p>	<p><b>HAPPY</b></p> <p>smiling face eyes wide open corners of mouth rising jumping up and down laughing giggling on 'cloud nine'</p>
<p><b>SHOCKED</b></p> <p>mouth wide open eyes popping open hands covering mouth jumping/stepping back gasping for air heart beating fast</p>	<p><b>TIRED</b></p> <p>droopy red eyes yawning trying to keep eyes open slouching in chair leaning hands on head rubbing eyes stretching</p>	<p><b>COLD</b></p> <p>shivering rubbing hands together hugging self blowing on hands seeing breath in the air eyes watering/tears freezing lips turning blue</p>
<p><b>SHY</b></p> <p>blushing/turn red looking down speaking softly arms crossed standing away from others hiding behind things holding hands to mouth</p>	<p><b>SAD</b></p> <p>tears in eyes trembling lips frown hanging head low dragging feet corners of lips fall towards floor shaky quiet voice</p>	<p><b>EXCITED</b></p> <p>mouth wide open heart pounding jumping up and down clapping/clasping hands eyes wide open hug smile across face</p>

