

Descriptive Writing Extract: *Mystery*

Has the author included...

- a description of what can be seen?
- a description of what can be heard?
- a description of what can be felt?
- a description of the weather?
- powerful adjectives to describe the atmosphere?
- a variety of sentence structures and starters?



Read through the descriptive writing below and use the checklist to see which features the author has managed to include. When you have finished, give the author feedback on their writing using the boxes below.

Features that I really liked:

1. _____

2. _____

Features that I would improve:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Returning to the scene of the crime, Betty decided to take one last look around the room to see if she could discover any more clues. The living room belonged to Cody Smith and looked like it did the last time she was there. Part of a large old farmhouse, the room was spacious with an imposing fireplace. Lots of things had been knocked over and they had also been broken. A clock was on the floor next to broken pieces of a side table. There was a gap on the wall where the painting had been stolen from. Everything was covered in a thin layer of dust except a letter which was sitting on the rickety table.

“Hang on,” said Betty, looking again at the letter. “This wasn’t here before. It must be a clue!”