

Starter

Add the actions of the character speaking.

"The Vikings are about to land!" shouted the villager, ...

Add a relative clause about the sea.

The wooden longship crashed through the sea.....

Using these fronted adverbials,
complete the sentence.

1. Jumping from rock to rock, ...
2. Without warning, ...

L.O.To know how to create atmosphere in my writing.

Success Criteria

I will understand what atmosphere is in a story.

I will identify the authors intentions.

I will use effective adjectives.

What is atmosphere in a story?

It is the mood of the place or situation so that the reader feels a certain emotion.

Creating atmosphere in the setting of a story will not only let the reader know what kind of a place the action is taking place in, but also how they will feel about this place if they were in the story.

How are you feeling about this place?

Depressed

Gretchen stared despairingly out of the dirty window. The barren fields lay empty and bare. The pale sunshine filtered through the clouds and the auburn leaves were like litter on the ground.

What has been underlined?

Let's change some words. What is the effect on the atmosphere?

Gretchen stared appreciatively out of the gleaming window. The rolling fields lay beautiful and still. The warm sunshine filtered through the clouds and the spring leaves were like fairy dust on the ground.

It is now happy.

What word class has been changed?

Let's create a sad atmosphere together, in your books, by adding appropriate adjectives in this setting.

The _____ longhouse stood _____
and _____. It overlooked the _____ sea
which _____ into the rocks below.
Seagulls _____ and seaweed
_____ the _____ beach.

Now rewrite it by changing the adjectives to create a happy atmosphere.

Independent Activity

You are to create a **tense** or **relaxed** atmosphere, in the setting given to you, by adding appropriate adjectives. A thesaurus may help you use adventurous words but make sure you know the meaning of them.

Some of you may be able to do both settings.

Try to include a simile.

