



HOW DO I CREATE MOOD AND ATMOSPHERE?

Year 3 Lesson Plan 2

In this lesson you will be looking at how to create mood and atmosphere.



Can your pupils improve these sentences?

- The tree was lovely and green.

- The man walked down the road.

- Her bin was smelly.

- He was happy.

- They went to play.

Mood and atmosphere



Look at how writers create mood and atmosphere:

Creating a sad Atmosphere

Example: A cold wind swirled restlessly disturbing the patchy grass and grubby plants on the ground in front of the isolated figure. Dirty-grey clouds hung listlessly overhead and below, the bleak town stretched out; little lifeless streets with dark, dull houses. The figure sat with rounded, slumped shoulders, greying hair covered the head held in bony hands.



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Key: • Adjective choice • Adverb and Verb choices

Creating a Hopeful Atmosphere



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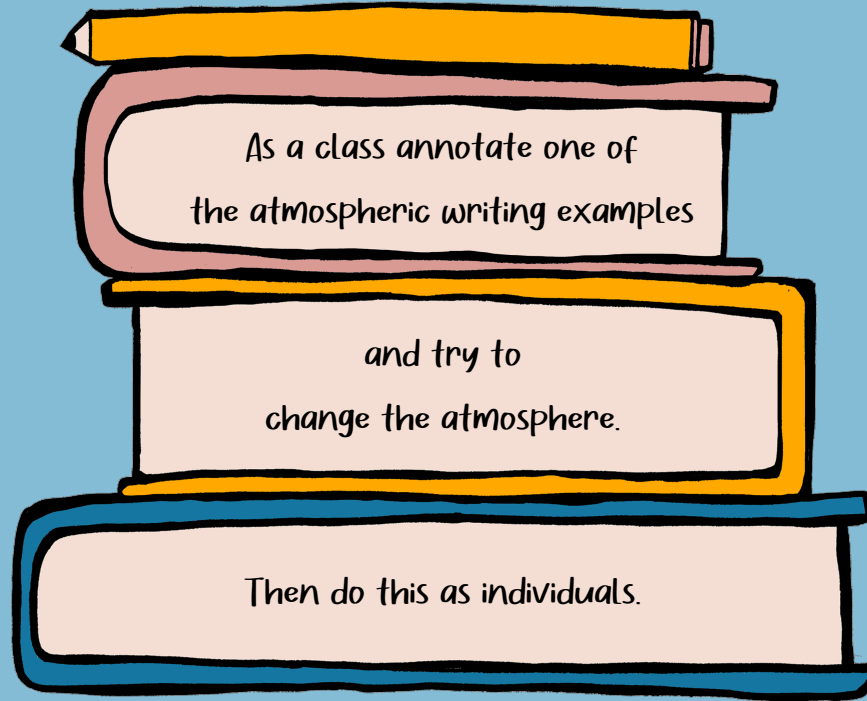
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Key: • Character behaviour





Create a soundscape to accompany one of the texts to help develop a specific atmosphere.

Can the class suggest any songs that would help to create a sad or hopeful atmosphere?

