

Adverbs

bravely

briskly

courageously

curiously

fearfully

gallantly

gruesomely

immediately

instantly

mysteriously

rapidly

secretively

stealthily

swiftly

unexpectedly

What Might the Characters Be Like?

alluring, captivating, charming, considerate, courageous, cursed, daring, fascinating, fearless, heroic, intriguing, menacing, mesmerising, monstrous, mysterious, mystifying, peculiar, valiant

What Might the Setting Be Like?

awe-inspiring, breathtaking, bustling, eerie, elegant, enchanted, extravagant, glorious, isolated, lavish, luxurious, magical, majestic, mystical, regal, remote, spectacular, spine-chilling, swarming, tranquil, unsightly



Word Bank

adventure	dungeon	immortal	quest
astounding	empire	kingdom	sorcerer
castle	fairy	labyrinth	unicorn
creatures	fortress	lair	warlock
dazzling	gargoyle	ogre	witch
dragon	gateway	portal	woodland

Does your fantasy story include...

a portal between a real and imagined place?

a descriptive account of the imaginary setting?

magical or menacing characters or creatures?

a main character going on a quest?

dialogue to advance the action?

characters' feelings being shown to build tension?

a problem that is resolved by a character?

Sentence Openers

As their hearts raced,

As the sinister sorcerer inched forward,

After a harrowing journey,

Beyond the clouds,

Dazed and confused,

During the exhilarating voyage,

Fascinated by its appearance,

Deep in the lair,

In a far-off kingdom,

In the depths of the enchanted forest,

Looming on the horizon,

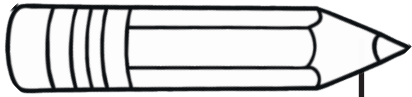
On a remote island,

Peering around the

unfamiliar environment,

Setting off on the challenging quest,

While the courageous hero advanced through the labyrinth,



Examples of Key Features

a portal between a real and imagined place

a descriptive account of the imaginary setting

magical or menacing characters or creatures

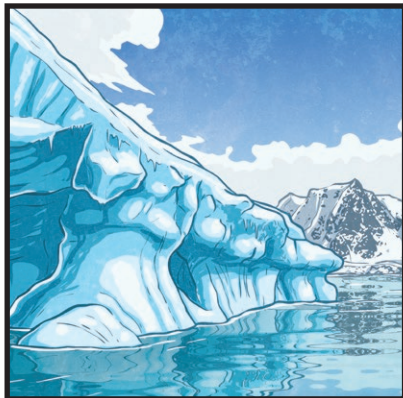
dialogue to create atmosphere or advance the action

characters' feelings being shown to build tension

The Quest to Alanador (an extract)

Sara was fed up; it had been raining heavily for every day of her half-term holiday so far and the miserable weather had ruined nearly all of her long-awaited plans. Sara thought to herself, 'It's not stopping me from having fun today.' She put on her wellies and coat and set off on a rainy walk.

As Sara walked along a muddy path, she noticed a deep puddle gleaming in the distance. It was peculiar how brightly it shone when it was such a miserable, dark day. Fascinated by its shimmering appearance, Sara walked over and peered down at the puddle. Instantly, two sapphire, wide eyes stared back at her. Sara's heart began to race. Before she



could turn away and flee, a misty, blue cloud appeared. When the cloud vanished, Sara was left standing in a breathtaking fortress made of ice, face to face with an elegant queen cloaked in ivory silk.

While Sara tried to take in her new surroundings, she tried to suppress her body from shaking in fear. Under her feet was a blanket of snow and pointed icicles decorated the ceiling of the cave, glistening like jewels. Straight ahead of her was a silver throne adorned with diamonds; two large huskies sat beside it, watching Sara curiously and intently.

"Sara Phillips I believe?" The enchanting queen edged closer to Sara. She moved so gracefully across the snow that it appeared as if she was floating.

Terrified, Sara couldn't find her voice to reply and could only manage to nod her head slightly.

"No need to be afraid. I have been waiting patiently for you," the queen explained as she wrapped a thick, silver shawl around Sara's shoulders to keep her warm. "I need your help on a quest."

