

Y6 Language Choices

KS2 Y6 English · Follows the national curriculum

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1. Worked example

'By five o'clock the market was already awake.' What does 'awake' suggest?

Step 1 · Literal meaning

awake = not asleep (usually for people or animals)

Step 2 · Technique

personification of the market

Step 3 · Effect

The market feels alive, busy and full of energy, even early in the morning.

Answer: It suggests the market is alive and already busy, it were a living thing that had woken up early.

Check: Quote, meaning, effect.

2. Now try one with the steps

Find and copy a phrase that shows the stallholders come from many different places.

Step 1 · Scan paragraph 1

Step 2 · Copy the shortest phrase that proves it

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Find and copy one verb in paragraph 1 that makes the lorries sound like living creatures.

2. What technique is 'their breath hanging in the cold air like smoke'?

3. What does the simile tell us about the weather?

4. Find and copy the phrase that describes the smell of paprika.

5. What technique is 'the sun heaved itself over the rooftops'?

6. What does 'fat purple aubergines' help the reader to imagine?

7. What technique is 'the market exploded into colour'?

8. Give one sense (other than sight) that the writer appeals to in paragraph 2.

9. What does 'Lorries... spat out crates' suggest about how the crates were unloaded?

10. What does 'the warm, sweet hug of cinnamon' suggest about the smell?

11. Explain what the grandfather means by 'you could travel the whole world without leaving Stall 23'.

12. Why is 'heaved' a good choice for the sun rising on a cold morning?

13. How does the writer show that Amira loves her job? Give a quotation.

14. Choose one phrase from the passage and explain its effect on the reader.

4. Before you hand it in

Naming the technique only: 'It is personification.'

Add what it suggests and how it makes the reader feel.

Vague effects: 'It makes it more interesting.'

Be specific: 'It makes the lorries sound grumpy and noisy.'

Explaining the whole sentence instead of the key word.

Zoom in: what does 'heaved' add that 'rose' does not?

Confusing simile and metaphor.

'like smoke' = simile; 'released a new country' = metaphor.