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The Magical Key

Year 3 NAPLAN - Narrative

Characters



Imagine

Imagine finding a mysterious key hidden under an old tree in your backyard. When you try to use it, something extraordinary happens.

Write a narrative (story) about what the key unlocks and the adventure that follows. You can use the characters and objects on this page **OR** you can make up your own.

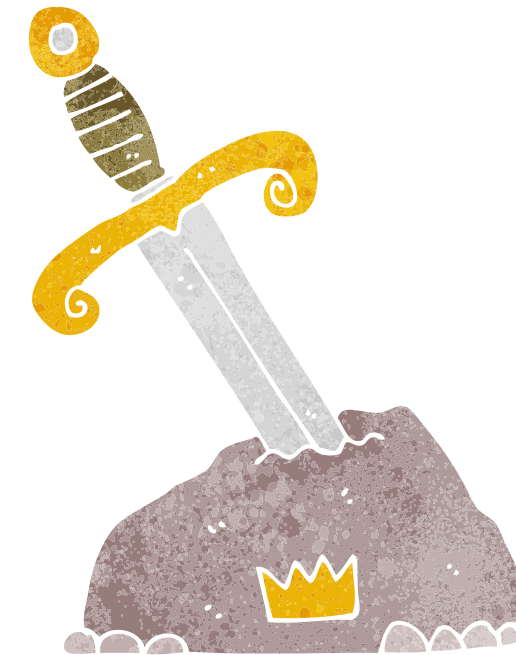
Think about:

- Who the main characters are and where they are.
- What the key unlocks and the challenges it brings.
- How the story will end.

Remember to:

- Plan your story before you start.
- Choose your words carefully.
- Write in sentences.
- Pay attention to spelling, punctuation, and paragraphs.
- Check and edit your writing.

Objects

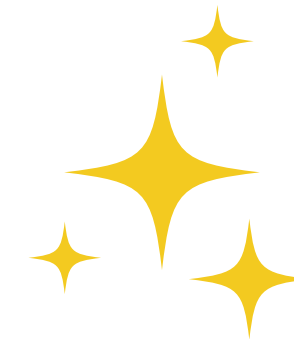


Writing Technique:

Making Magic Come Alive with Action Words

Great writers make magical stories exciting by using powerful action words (verbs) and descriptive language. Instead of saying something "went" or "moved", try using words that paint a picture:

- Things might **sparkle**, **shimmer**, or **glow**.
- Objects can **whisper**, **rumble**, or **hum**.
- Characters might **creep**, **dash**, or **tiptoe**.
- Magic could **swirl**, **flash**, or **dance**.



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Formula to Follow:

[Magical Detail] + [Action] + [Change]

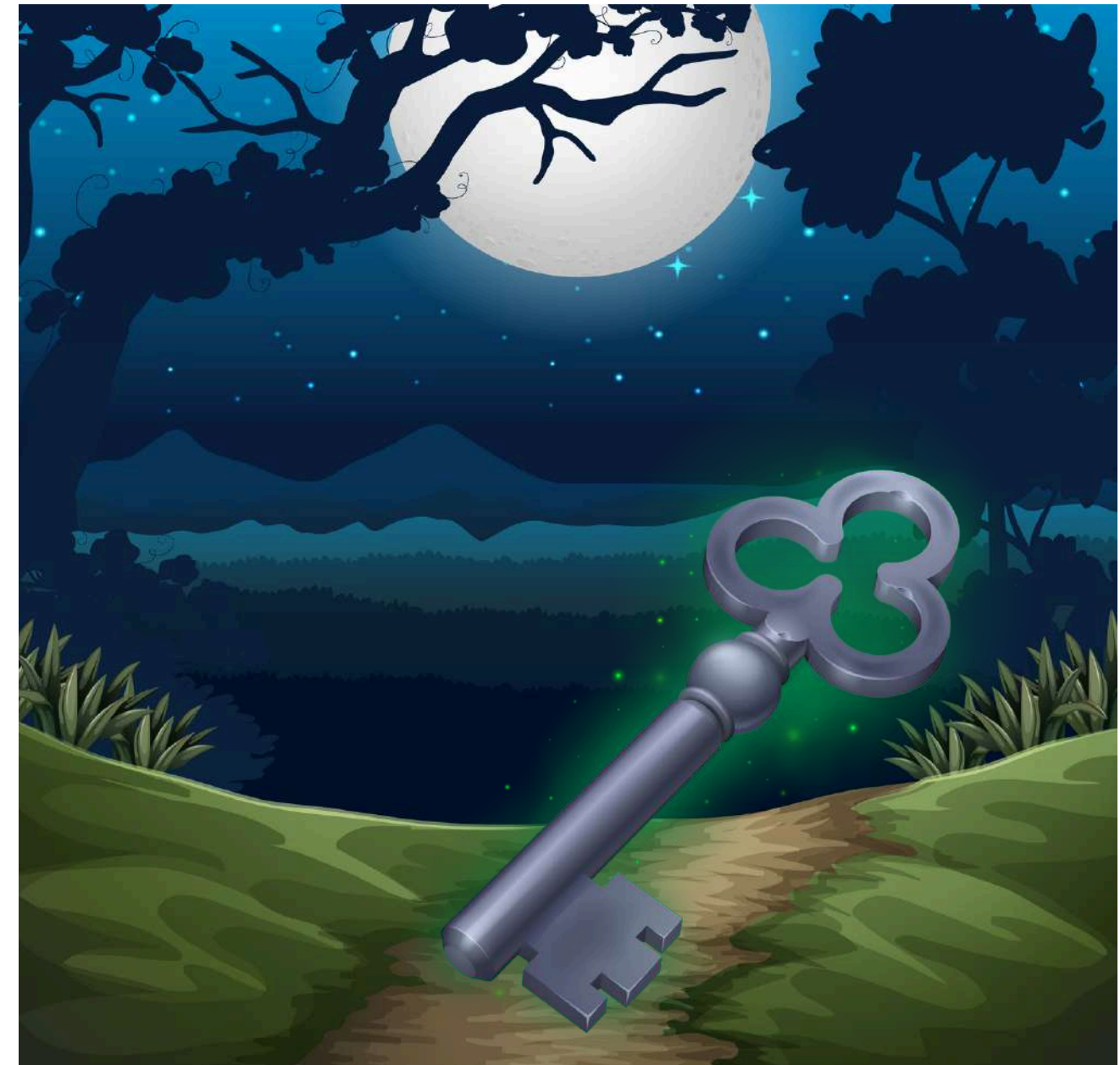
- **Magical Detail:** Describe how things look, sound, or feel.
- **Action:** What happens when magic appears.
- **Change:** How things transform or how you feel.



Finding Magic

Examples:

- Watching moonlight shimmer on a golden key half-buried in dark soil.
- Feeling an old key pulse with warmth as you dig it from beneath twisted roots.
- Hearing a musical chime as your spade uncovers a glowing key.



Finding Magic

Exemplar:

"My spade clinked against something in the soil, sending a musical note floating through the air. As I brushed away the earth with trembling fingers, I found a copper key that hummed with warmth against my palm. Tiny symbols etched along its surface began to glow like starlight, making my heart dance with excitement."



Opening Doorways

Examples:

- Seeing rainbow light spiral out when you turn the key in an old lock.
- Watching ordinary walls ripple like water as magic spreads.
- Feeling the ground beneath your feet transform into something new.



Opening Doorways

Exemplar:

"I slipped the key into the rusty garden gate, and rainbow light burst from the keyhole. The metal rippled like water beneath my fingers, and suddenly the familiar brick wall melted away. My breath caught in my throat as a new world shimmered into view before my eyes."



Exploring Wonders

Examples:

- Tiptoeing past flowers that chime like tiny bells when touched.
- Watching shadows dance and twist into mysterious shapes.
- Feeling magic tingle through your body as you solve puzzles.



Exploring Wonders

Exemplar:

"I crept along the glowing path, where crystal flowers chimed softly in a magical breeze. Shadows danced around me, whispering secrets in voices like rustling leaves. My skin tingled with excitement as I followed the trail of sparkling light deeper into this mysterious realm."



Bringing Magic Home

Examples:

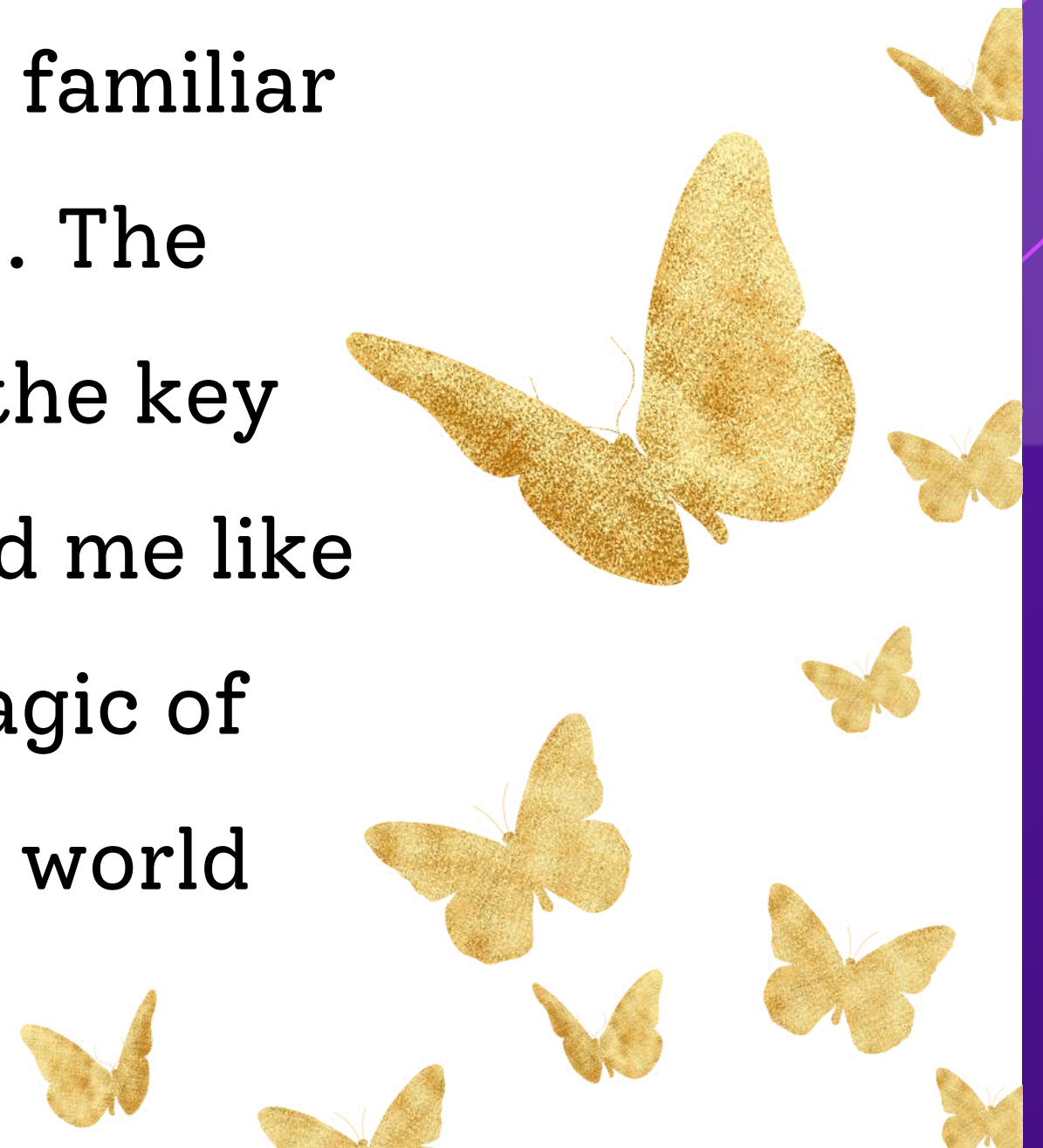
- Seeing ordinary things sparkle with leftover magic.
- Watching the key dissolve into golden dust in your pocket.
- Feeling your heart glow with the memory of adventure.



Bringing Magic Home

Exemplar:

"I stepped back through the gateway into my familiar garden, but everything seemed different now. The ordinary trees sparkled with tiny lights, and the key dissolved into golden dust that swirled around me like butterfly wings. My heart glowed with the magic of my adventure, knowing I would never see the world quite the same way again."



Exemplar Prompt Response

“Under our old oak tree, I found a golden key with tiny crystals that sparkled in the morning light. A wise owl with round spectacles watched me from his branch, hooting softly as the key began to glow with magical blue light. The key seemed to pull me towards a strange door in the tree trunk – I had never seen it before, but there it was, covered in swirling patterns and shining gems. When I put the key in the lock, rainbow colours danced across the door like flickering flames. The friendly owl flew down to join me as we stepped through the doorway together, finding ourselves in a magical cave where crystals glowed and an ancient treasure map floated through the air towards us.”