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The Magical Key

Year 5 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.

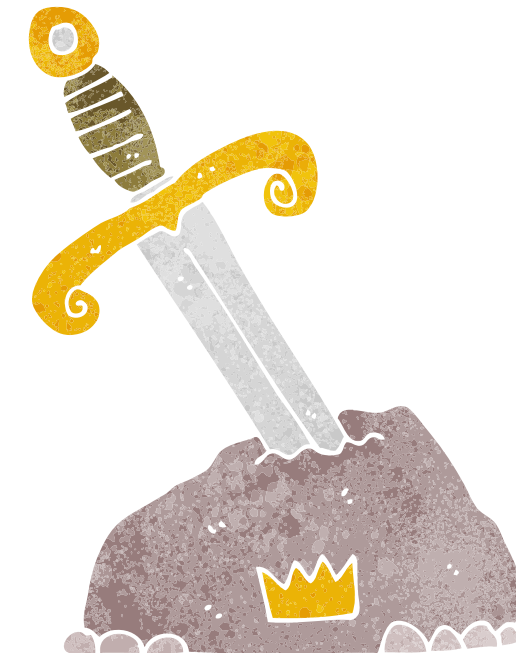
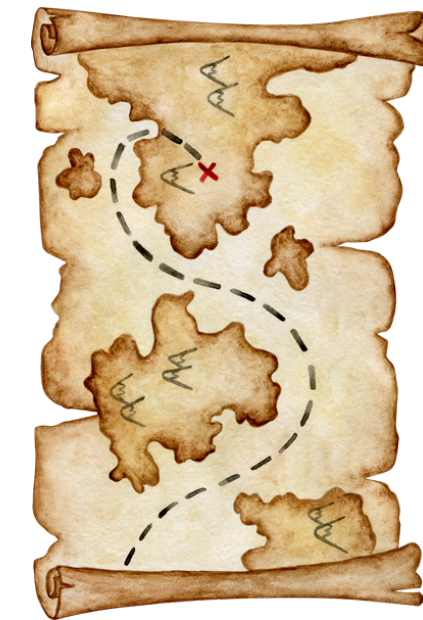
Think about:

- 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

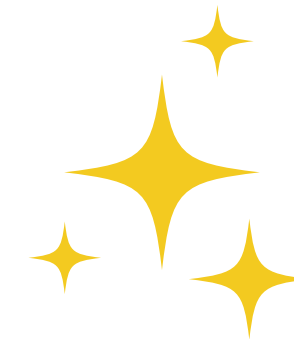


Writing Technique:

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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Making Magic Come Alive with Action Words

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 garden trowel sent a crystalline note through the twilight air when it struck something unusual. As I meticulously brushed away layers of rich soil, I uncovered an intricately carved bronze key that felt warm against my skin. Hieroglyphic symbols etched along its surface began to glow with an otherworldly light, causing my heart to race with anticipation."



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 carefully inserted the key into the weathered garden gate's lock, and immediately, prismatic light erupted from the keyhole in spectacular fashion. The aged metal seemed to liquefy beneath my touch, and without warning, the familiar brick wall before me began to undulate and dissolve. My breath caught in my throat as an extraordinary dimension materialised before my astonished 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:

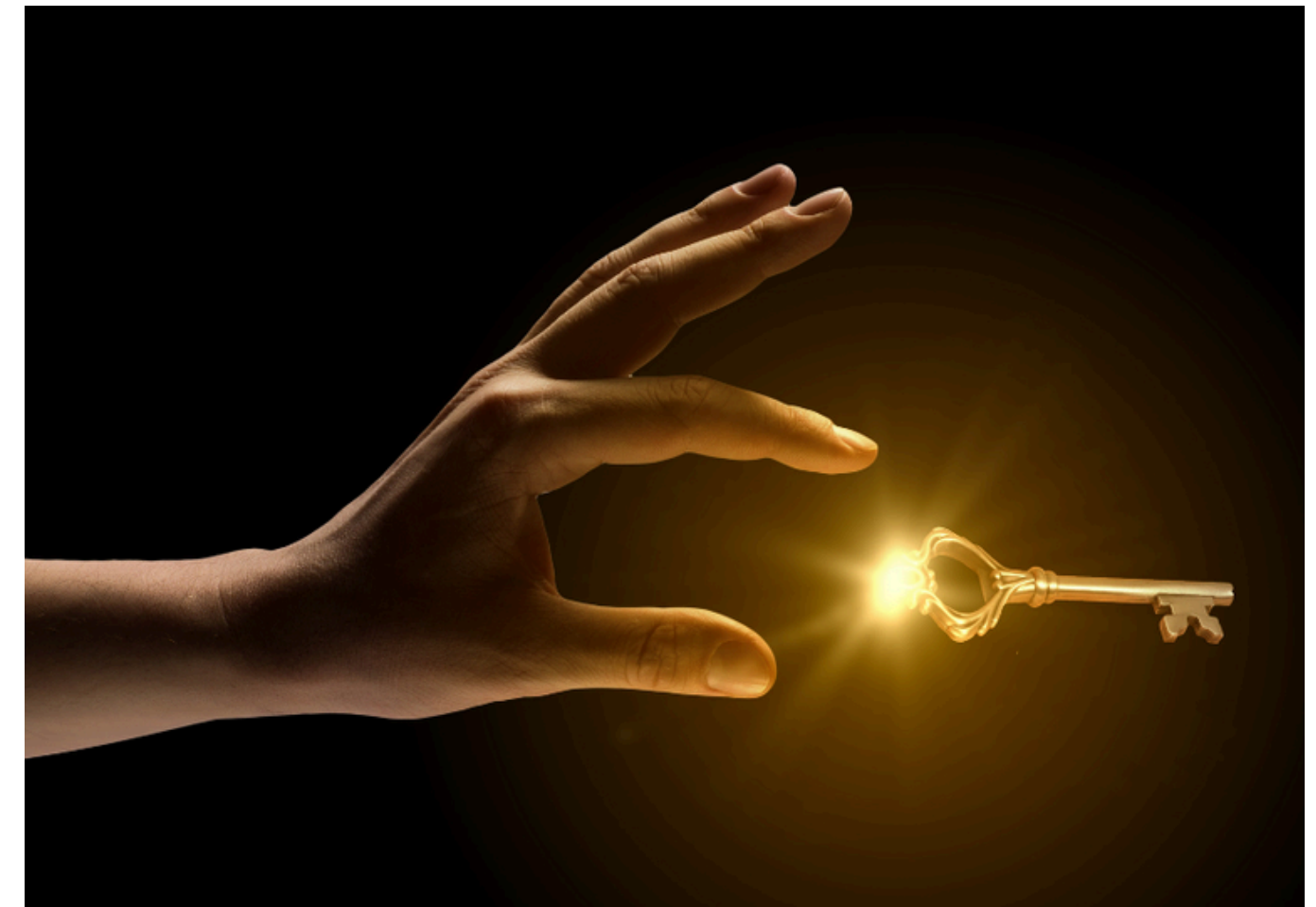
"I advanced cautiously along the phosphorescent pathway, where crystalline flora created melodic harmonies when disturbed by the breeze. Mysterious shadows performed an intricate dance around me, whispering ancient secrets in voices that reminded me of wind through mountain caves. Every nerve tingled with anticipation as I followed the trail of luminescent particles deeper into this remarkable 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:

"Upon returning through the mystical gateway into my familiar garden, I discovered that everything had subtly transformed. Ordinary foliage now sparkled with glittering points of ethereal light, and the remarkable key gradually dissolved into particles of golden dust that pirouetted around me like butterflies. My perspective had been forever altered by this extraordinary adventure, ensuring that I would observe reality through an entirely new lens."



Exemplar Prompt Response

"Under our grand old fig tree, I found a beautiful golden key decorated with tiny blue gems that caught the morning light like stars. A curious brown frogmouth watched from above, its round eyes shining bright as the key began to glow with magical blue light. The key pulled me gently towards a magnificent door that had appeared in the tree trunk, covered in swirling patterns and sparkling stones I had never seen before. When I turned the key in the lock, rainbow colours danced across the door like the Southern Lights, and my feathered friend flew down to join me. Together we stepped through into an amazing cave where the ceiling swirled with moving stars, and an ancient treasure map floated through the air towards us. The map's edges glowed with mysterious writing, telling stories of hidden worlds waiting to be discovered."