

The Magic Tree - Day 1 - Talk For Writing



Time to Think - Talk for Writing

1. What has happened to the land surrounding the tree?
2. Why do you think this has happened?
3. Why do you think this one tree has survived?
4. Imagine the tree trunk is a portal to another world - where would it take you? Would you stay on Earth or end up in a fantasy land?
5. Would it be risky entering? Is it good to take risks? Are some risks riskier than others?

Up-levelling Sentences

Can you improve the sentence below? Try up-grading the vocabulary by adding an expanded noun phrase and a conjunction.

The big tree had bark and leaves. Inside the tree were stars and the moon.

Challenge - can you start the sentence with a fronted adverbial saying where or when?

What a Picture!

Imagine that you have just walked through the open portal and into the world inside the tree.

Draw what you can see.



The Magic Tree - Descriptive Writing Task - Day 2

LO. To write a descriptive passage about a fantasy land.

Today you are going to write a couple of descriptive paragraphs describing:

- a. the land through your portal
- b. a person you meet - what they look like

Before you start writing, you must have a clear picture in your head of your fantasy land and fantasy character. Jot down ideas below in note form.

What does your fantasy land inside the tree look like?

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Who do you see or meet? Jot down adjectives to describe what they look like.

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Before you start writing, think of a good sentence opener to catch your reader's attention. Make them sit up and listen - hook them in.

When you close off your final paragraph, how are you going to keep your reader thinking? Could you use speech between characters or a rhetorical question?

Now, it's time to give it a go! Let your writing flow, make it cohesive so that it is easy to follow and read. Enjoy!