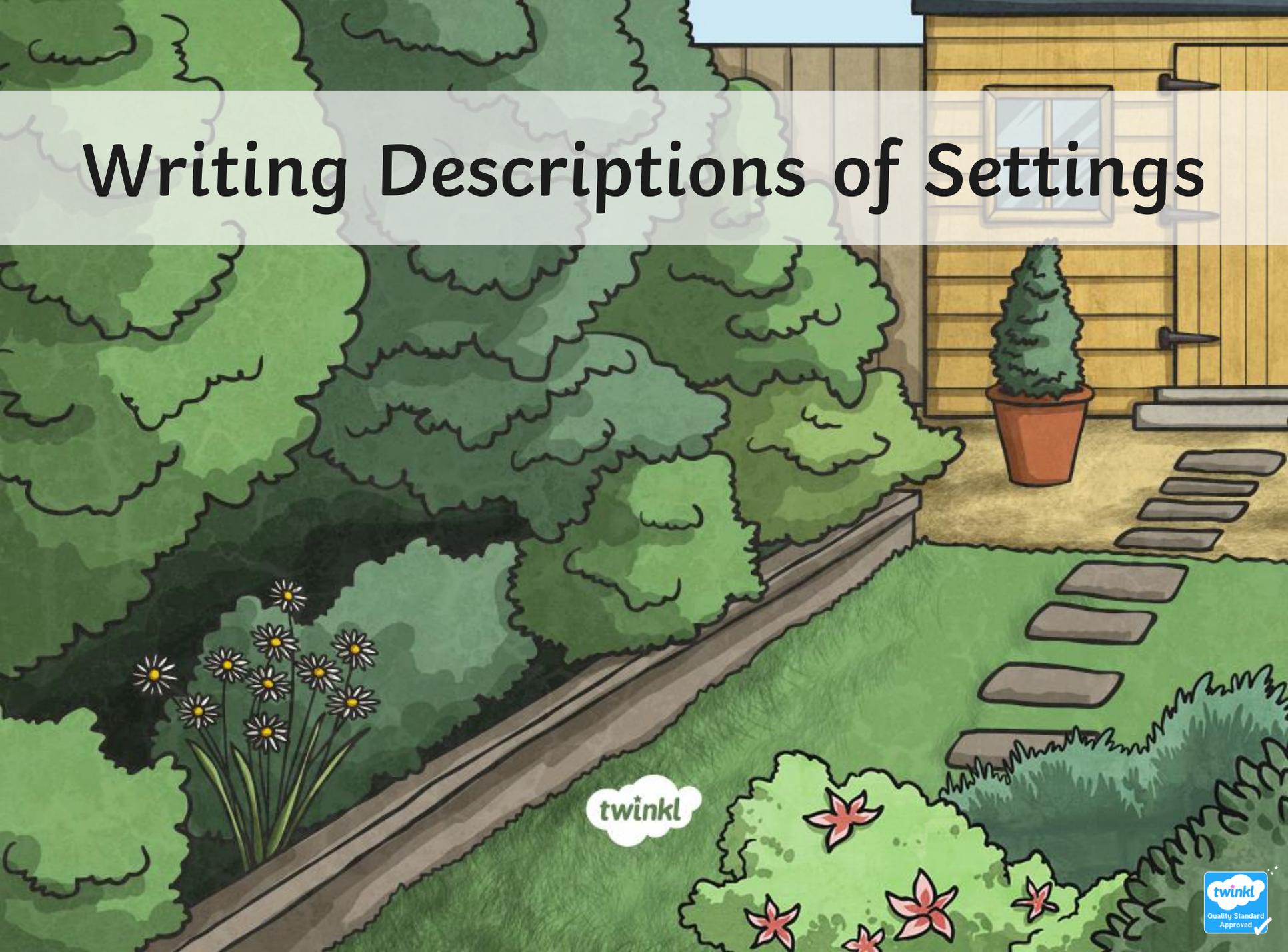


Writing Descriptions of Settings



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Aim

- I can write effective descriptions of story settings.
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Success Criteria

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Features of a Setting



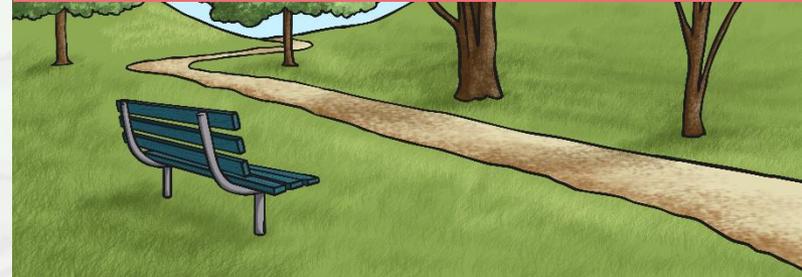
Read Chapters 4 and 5 of 'The Hedgehog' by Dick King Smith.

Which settings are described in the chapters you have read today?

The road



The Park



Have you noticed the word Park is capitalised in the book? This is because, to the hedgehogs, it is a proper noun – it's the name of the place. They probably don't realise there are many parks in the world.

Features of a Setting



Can you recall the things that a description of a setting should include?
Jot them down on your whiteboards with your talk partner.

When writing a setting description, these are the things you should remember to do...

- describe what can be seen;
- describe what can be heard;
- describe what can be felt;
- use adjectives to describe atmosphere;
- describe the time of day;
- describe the weather;
- use different types of sentences.



Planning a Description of the Park



You will be writing your own description of the Park.

You should use a combination of things that are mentioned in the text and your own ideas.

First, look very carefully at pages 39 to 41 and fill in details from the story on the **Planning a Description of the Park Activity Sheet**.

Planning a Description of the Park

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What time of day is it?

What is the weather like?

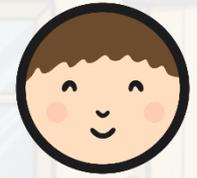
What does Max see?

What sounds can Max hear?

What does he feel beneath his paws?

What emotions does he feel?

Planning a Description of the Park



Did you find these things in the text?

What time of day is it?

Evening (full moon is out)

What sounds can Max hear?

Not traffic because 'the noise and stink of the traffic were left behind', splashing the water at the fountain, mice scuttling away from him being noisy, frog plopping in the Lily Pond.

What does Max see?

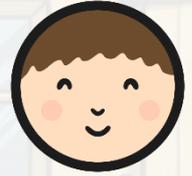
Wide stretch of grass, Bandstand, fountain, Lily Pond, mice, snakes, Ornamental Gardens, frogs.

What emotions does he feel?

Joyful – he cries "Hip, hip, roohay!", curious – he was 'shoving his snout into everything.'

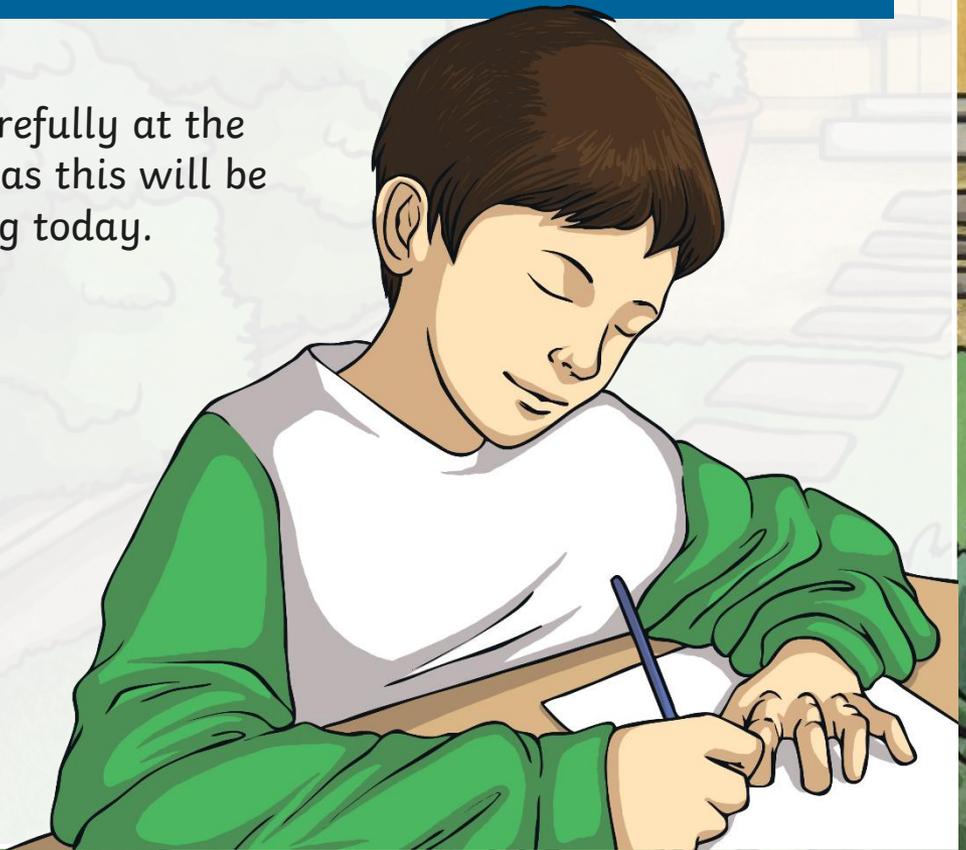
Use your imagination to add your own ideas for vocabulary about what Max might have seen, heard or felt in Park to the planning sheet.

Writing a Description of the Park

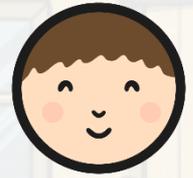


Now write your own description of the Park.

Before you begin writing, look carefully at the **Story Settings Marking Checklist** as this will be used to evaluate your writing today.



Improving Your Writing



Did I...	Child	Friend	Teacher
Structure and Language			
describe what can be seen?			
describe what can be heard?			
describe what can be felt?			
use adjectives to describe atmosphere?			
describe the time of day?			
describe the weather?			
use different types of sentences?			
Structure and Language			
use capital letters, full stops, commas, ? and ! correctly?			

Think about how you could improve your work.

Use a different coloured pen to make changes to your recount.

Finally, look at your finished edited description of a setting and mark it using the checklist. Fill in the 'Child' column to indicate whether you have included the things listed.

A Contrasting Setting



You should now have a good understanding of what makes an effective description of a setting.

Work to improve this description of a road setting.

Max found himself on the street again. Cars, lorries and motorbikes roared past him. Lights glared. He felt afraid but determined. He walked along the pavement. He saw lots of humans.

What can you see straight away that needs improving?

Make sure you refer to your marking checklist to ensure you include all the things you need to.

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