

Create a series of imaginative and inspiring paragraphs. (describing a dragon.)

The dragon opened its mouth and red flames came out.

Use your descriptive powers to improve the BORING sentence.



Today, you will use all of your ideas, planning and experimenting with sentences to write descriptive paragraphs about dragons.

Look at some really good examples on the next few pages.

Mrs Hickman will also read them and talk through them here: <https://youtu.be/OA52uUilMuY>

Example 1

The dragon squatted on enormous haunches. Without warning, scorching torrents of flame exploded downward, outwards, upwards, filling the air with choking black smoke. Nothing was visible except the mesmerising source of this terrifying inferno. It was the most imposing monster ever seen by man; a towering, erupting volcano.

Its hideous mouth gaped open. Jets of flame poured forth to reveal rows of razor sharp, flesh tearing incisors set deep in crimson jaws. It reared up on its hind legs; savage claws, sharp as daggers, sliced the fetid air. The venomous light that burned in its vengeful eyes was enough to turn a man to stone. As the beast fell forward the earth trembled. Folds of skin encasing its steely core hung loose like a coat of impenetrable armour.

Example 2

The dragon stirred. It raised its head through the leaf mould. It opened first one, then the other large, lazy blood-shot eye. Spring was bringing to the land light winds and soft rains.

The dragon had slept out the winter in the hole which it had carefully chosen a hundred days ago. Its mouth, which had not opened to fresh air all that time, stank with the accumulated odour of a hundred days and nights. On the day before it had laid down, it had consumed its last meal. This had consisted of two lambs which had strayed too far from their mother, and then the mother.

Now the dragon was hungry. Overwhelmingly and immediately, it needed the taste of new meat.

Examples of last year's work

Similes

- savage claws as sharp as daggers
- folds of skin encasing its steely core hung like a loose coat of impenetrable armour

Metaphors

terrifying inferno; a towering erupting volcano

Alliteration:

- flaming fire poured forth
- rows of razor sharp
- large lazy blood shot eye

Vocabulary/vivid adjectives/powerful verbs:

- venomous light
- vengeful eyes
- impenetrable armour
- stank with the accumulated odour
- consumed its last meal

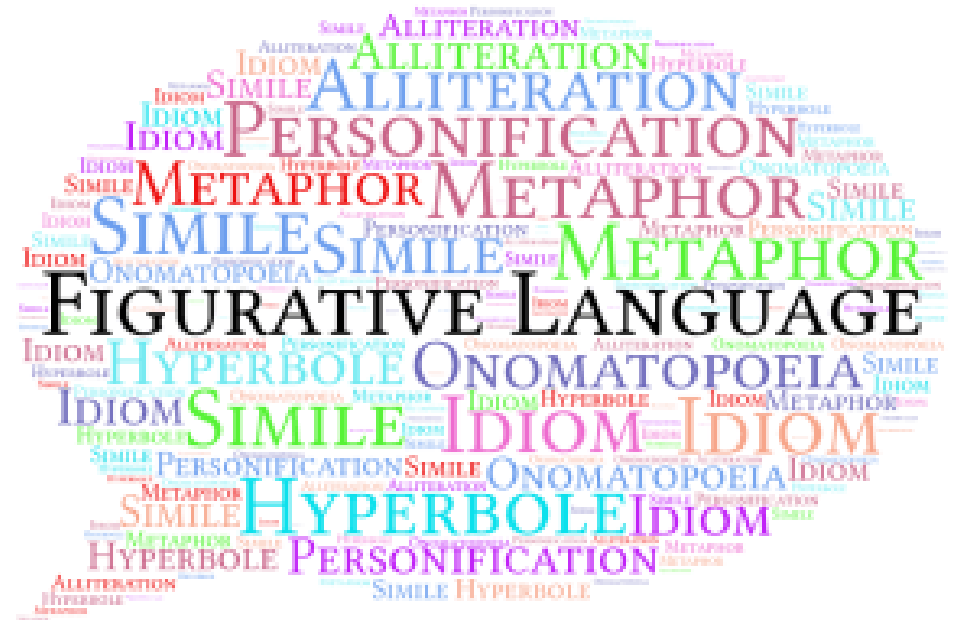
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- Crooked talons that thrash and tear.
- Eyes that smoulder with a burning menace.
- Tail – long, hook on the end in order to defend itself
- Shimmering scales/metallic lustre
- rough, pentagonal scales that protect like an armour
- Scales resemble feathers
- Golden glowing eyes

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Success Criteria:

- Descriptive sentences
- Varying sentences length
- Different clause types
- Figurative language



Challenge: identify the figurative language you have used in your work in the margin please.



Red dragons are greedy and obsessed with increasing their treasure hoards. They are vain, cunning, and terrible.

The red dragon lives in warm habitats, such as volcanoes or tropical islands.

A red dragon can be identified by its long wings and two long horns. They have a long, red, forked tongue. Red dragons breathe a deadly fire. Tiny flames often dance in his nostrils when he is angry. His eyes gleam with unrestrained greed when he has seen treasure. He smells of smoke and sulphur.

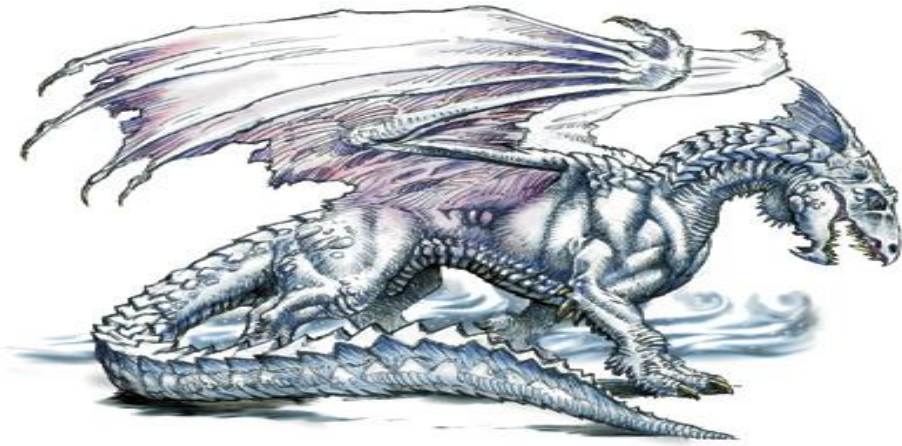
Red dragons are fiercely territorial. They prefer to eat meat, especially people. The best part of a meal for a red dragon is drinking the blood.



Blue dragons are pensive and vain. They live in hot, dry areas, such as sandy deserts.

The blue dragon is large and vibrant can be identified by his frilled ears and a single horn upon his head. Their eyes are smooth, glossy, and without pupils so when looking at them, you may feel as though you are looking into eternity. The dry scent of pine and sand follows a blue dragon wherever they go. Blue dragons love to soar in the hot desert air. They breathe lightning, that is, a lightning bolt rather than fire.

Blue dragons are dedicated carnivores who eat snakes, lizards, and occasionally even desert plants, but truly prefers herd animals such as camels. They prefer to attack people in ambush. Surprise and distance are their greatest ally. Blue dragons enjoy sitting and reflecting.



White dragons are small and can be identified by their sharp, intelligent-looking eyes and intense expression. Their scales resemble fur, or even feathers, in places. They have wide feet and sharp claws to help them to walk atop snow banks. An aura of coldness seems to surround the white dragon.

They live in remote, icy climates — usually arctic areas, but sometimes very high mountains. They travel alone, and have very good memories. They prefer the solitude of snowy plains and caves, far away from the warming rays of the sun.

Living in frosty climes, white dragons prefer their food to be suitably chilled. If their victims have not frozen to death already, white dragons will often pack them away in the snow until they are properly frozen.

If you ever encounter a white dragon, be on your guard— he is swift and alert. Your best bet is to scare or intimidate him, as white dragons are sometimes known to be cowardly. He breathes a chilling frost.



The green dragon prefers forests—the older and bigger the trees, the better. He may make his lair behind a waterfall or near a lake, pond, or stream that provides a submerged entrance. The closer one gets to his lair, the darker the woods become. Evil hangs in the air, mingling with the forest scents to produce foul odours.

He is a liar and a master at story telling. When attacking, he will usually stalk his prey first, sometimes for days and he loves to play with his prey before torturing them to death.

A green dragon can survive on practically anything, including shrubs and small trees and uses camouflage to his advantage.

The green dragon's head is covered in hornlets. He has a long neck and legs, and resembles a brontosaurus and reeks of chlorine.

Green dragons breathe poisonous gas, that is, a toxic chlorine gas.

To evaluate and edit my work.

Read your work aloud to someone out loud.

Discuss your writing and work together - make constructive suggestions for improvement.

Ask each other questions about your work.

Edit and improve one last time!