

Lesson 5 Friday 26th February

WALT: To edit and improve a description

WILF:

\*I can work as a group to improve a description.

\*\*I can use adjectives and similes in my description.

\*\*\*I can use simple expanded noun phrases.

\*\*\*\*I can use more detailed language using a thesaurus.



Warm Up: *Let's remind ourselves what Expanded Noun Phrases are...*

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## Let's look at this paragraph:



Then, a troupe of excitable monkeys scampered down from the canopy of the Kapok tree, their long tails flicking the air behind them. They chattered hurriedly to the sleeping man: "Señor you chop down one tree and then another. Without these trees, there will be nothing left to hold the earth in place. When the rain comes, the soil will be washed away and the forest will become a desert." The monkeys then scrambled back to their favourite tree which was opposite the man, found their favourite branch, and sat and watched to see what would happen next.

What do we like about it?

Why do we need a description like this in the story?

What words or sentences do you like?

Write them down in your jotter



Why do you like them?

Are there any features you notice?

Now let's look at this paragraph. Is it different? Do we like it? Why/why not?

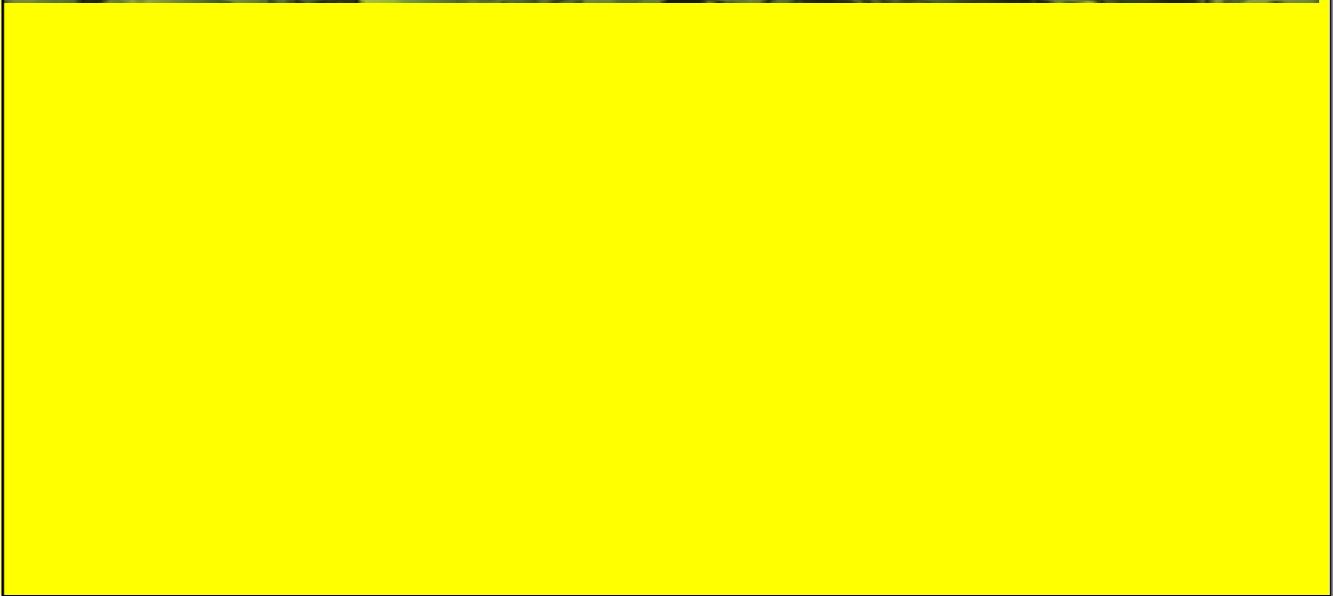
Finally, a jaguar leapt down from a branch and padded over to the man, growling: "Señor, the Kapok tree is home to many birds and animals. If you cut it down, where will I find my dinner?"

Do we get a detailed image of the jaguar in our heads?

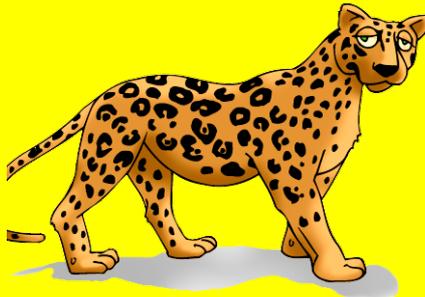
Let's try to uplevel and improve this paragraph! We can do better!

Before we start, what things might we want to include in a description to create a really vivid and detailed picture of the jaguar in our heads?

Let's mind map...



Let's watch the video of the jaguar creeping through the jungle.



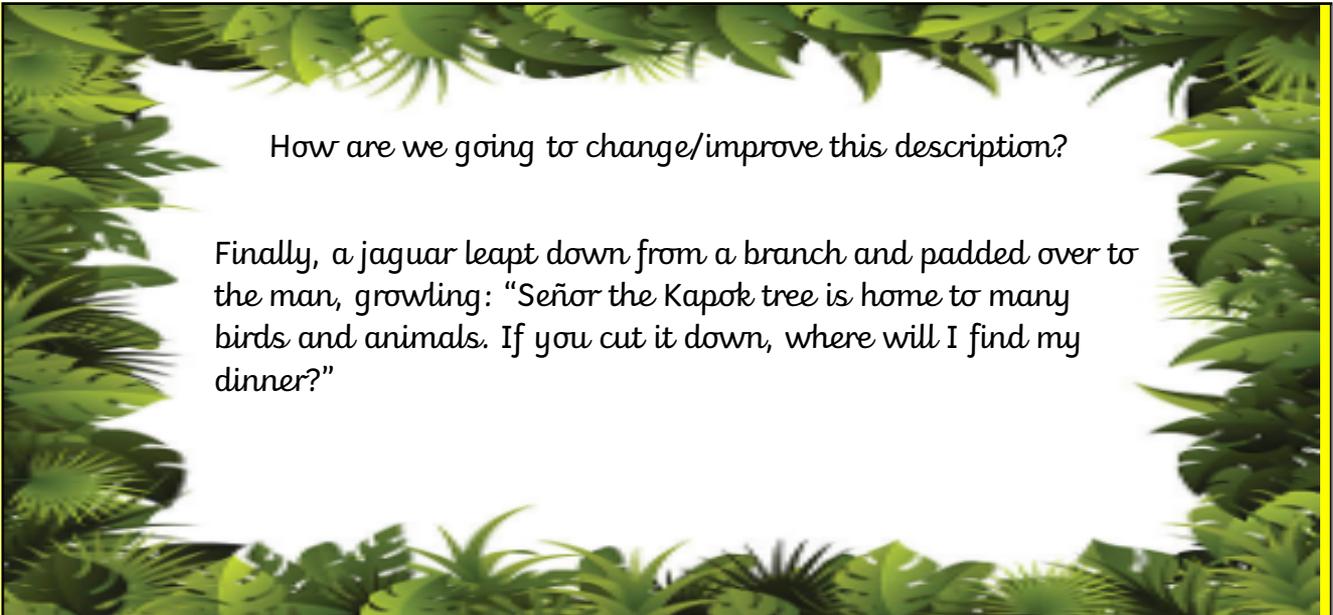
What adjectives/vocabulary immediately come to mind?

What do we notice about its appearance, how it moves?

You can record your ideas/similes etc on the jaguar sheet as you watch the video.

🌐 jaguars

🌐 Brazil's super cats.



How are we going to change/improve this description?

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Challenge 1 - include adjectives and adverbs to improve this paragraph.

Challenge 2 - also include similes and expanded noun phrases.

Challenge 3 - also include metaphors, more detailed expanded noun phrases.

Did we manage to improve the paragraph?

How do you know?

Could we use the WILF to check?

Can you underline where you have ...



*used adjectives and similes in my description*

*used expanded noun phrases*

*used more detailed language using a thesaurus.*

Plenary:

Reread your work. Are you happy that it creates the picture in the readers head that you wanted? If not can you make changes now so that it does?

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