

Lesson 3

L.O: To analyse a character description
What do you know about Medusa?



Let's read a character description for Medusa
What do you think will be included?

A successful character description includes the...



What does they
look like?

What do they
smell like?

What do they
sound like?

What do they
feel like?

What do they
taste like?

Walking into the blackness of the cave mouth I could smell the beast hitting my nostrils. The smell was awful and it reminded me of stale sweat and sick. Creeping nervously forward, I could hear the beast moaning and wailing like a baby that has no milk. Onwards I went, searching for the beast that was Medusa.

At last I came to a cavern, and with the light shining off the walls, I finally saw her ugliness in a reflection on the floor. A beast with snakes for hair that whipped and snapped cruelly and they were definitely poisonous. She was bright green just like slime and she slithered just like a snake. Her eyes were as red as rubies, but as deadly as a knife because anyone who looked into them would be turned into stone.

Sneaking up carefully behind her, I could taste her smell and this nearly made me sick, however I kept going. Luckily, she had not seen me yet. When I was about a metre away, I grabbed her from behind and held on as tight as I could. She felt like a reptile would with scales as smooth as crocodiles. Grotesquely, a hissing tongue began reaching around my face. I truly had a fight on my hands

Today's task

Key:

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Taste

Feel

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Steps to success

1. Choose 5 different colours for your key.
2. Highlight examples of each sense in your chosen colour.

Challenge

Can you identify any similes?

Plenary

What words and phrases would you magpie from the description?