

Trapped in Ice – lesson 2

Task 1 – Similes

A simile helps to describe things for the reader and can work well with expanded noun phrases to give the reader a really good picture in their minds when they read. A simile **compares** something with something else. We will try a few with the story I described from yesterday.

My setting was Antarctica and one of my characters is the mammoth; I will describe those things:-

Setting – The land was **as barren as the moon**

The frozen landscape was **as cold as space**

Snow covered the ground and shone **like the sun**

Mammoth – It's giant legs were **as hairy as my dad's back!**

The pale white tusks were curved and sharp **like a scimitar.**

The beast was **as big as a double decker bus**

See if you can write some really good sentences with expanded noun phrases that are improved with a simile. Try 3 for your setting and 3 for your mammoth.

Task 2 – Metaphors

A metaphor can sometimes be a bit tricky. The thing to remember is that instead comparing with 'like' or 'as' when you write a simile you just say it 'is', 'was' or 'were' when you make a metaphor e.g.

The pale white tusks were curved and sharp like a scimitar – simile

The pale white tusks were curved, sharp scimitars – metaphor

The beast was as big as a double decker bus – simile

The beast was a double decker bus – metaphor

See if you can create 2 metaphor sentences to us in your writing.

Task 3 – Look back in your book for examples of parenthesis and relative clauses and write 3 sentences for each that might go into your story.

Task 4 – Finally create a piece of dialogue for your story that follows good dialogue writing rules.

1. Always start a new line for a new speaker
2. Speech marks to go around whatever is being said.
3. Try to change the reporting clause for variety
4. Or expand the reporting clause for variety

Here's an example

“Dad! Thank god I found you, there's mammoth chasing me!” I panted, looking behind for the beast.

“Calm down son,” Dad tried to reassure me “mammoths are extinct. Where did you get to anyway?”

“DAD!” I yelled. “Just look over there” I said pointing to the horizon.

“I can't see anyth.....” Dad's voice tailed off and his eyes grew very wide.

Try to write a few lines of your own for practice.

Tomorrow we will begin to write