

Year 7 Sample Lesson

Textual Analysis — Identifying Techniques & Analysing Effect

Lesson Overview

Term	Term 3 — Textual Analysis & The Essay
Duration	60 minutes
Skill Focus	Identifying literary techniques and analysing their effect on the reader
Text Type	Short prose extract (narrative)
Resources	Skill Mastery workbook — Textual Analysis & Essay Writing

Learning Goals

- ✓ Identify literary and language devices in an unseen text
- ✓ Explain the effect of each technique on the reader
- ✓ Construct a TEEL paragraph that embeds evidence and analysis
- ✓ Use precise analytical vocabulary in written responses

Sample Text Extract

The morning crept in like a thief, stealing warmth from every corner of the house. Maya sat at the kitchen table, her hands wrapped around a mug that had long since grown cold. Outside, the trees stood as silent witnesses to her grief — their bare branches scratching at the grey sky like the frantic notes she could no longer bring herself to write. — Writing Club practice extract, Year 7 Skill Mastery

Activity 1 — Identifying Techniques (15 min)

Read the extract above. Complete the table identifying literary techniques:

Simile	"crept in like a thief"	Creates a sense of dread and unwelcome intrusion

Personification	"trees stood as silent witnesses"	Suggests nature observes Maya's pain; isolation
Metaphor	_____	_____
Imagery	_____	_____

Activity 2 — TEEL Paragraph Writing (20 min)

Using the TEEL structure, write a paragraph analysing how the composer creates a sense of grief and isolation in the extract.

T — Topic Sentence	State your main analytical point. Begin with: <i>"In the extract, the composer creates a sense of grief through..."</i>
E — Evidence	Select a direct quote from the text that supports your point.
E — Explanation	Explain the technique used and analyse its effect on the reader. Use metalanguage.
L — Link	Connect your analysis back to a broader theme or idea in the text.

Activity 3 — Peer Review (10 min)

- ✓ Exchange your TEEL paragraph with a partner.
- ✓ Highlight the topic sentence in purple, the evidence in blue.
- ✓ Circle any analytical vocabulary (metalanguage) used.
- ✓ Provide one strength and one area for improvement.

Analytical Vocabulary Bank

• conveys	• evokes	• portrays	• juxtaposes
• emphasises	• foreshadows	• symbolises	• reinforces
• highlights	• suggests	• creates	• establishes

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