



Learning objective: To write a descriptive text about a river animal.

You will need:

- Paper or your River Journal
- Pen or pencil to write with
- Pictures of your chosen animal to inspire you

Instructions:

1

Choose a river animal to write about. Begin by writing a title at the top of the page that includes alliteration - that means add an adjective that starts with the same letter.

2

Introduce your animal by writing a sentence that says what type of animal it is.

3

Write a simile that describes its size. Include one of these phrases: ...as small as..., ..as big as..., as tall as... OR ...as long as... You could use objects from Activity 2.

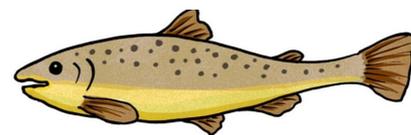
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Next, begin describing what it looks like. For each body part include 1 or 2 adjectives and added detail (using 'with' or 'that'). Continue until you have described the whole animal.

5

Finish off, by writing a sentence that explains why you like this animal and add an interesting fact in a 'Did you know?' section.

To help, I will give an example of each step using my favourite river animal - the BROWN TROUT!



Brilliant Brown Trout

↑ alliteration ↑



The brown trout is a fish.

It is as long as my arm.

simile ↑
(includes as)

It has a long, sleek body that is covered in spots.

2 adjectives ↓ ↓
↑ added detail

I like this animal because it is a sign of a clean river.

Did you know?
Brown Trout can live up to 20 years!

EXTRA: Take a picture of your work and ask an adult to post it on our [Facebook group](#).

Support

For STEP 4, describe three body parts using adjectives.

It has a spotty body and a yellow belly. It has two, big, round eyes.

Challenge

Include scientific language like: segmented, plumage, abdomen, vertebrate, camouflage, transparent, exoskeleton.

The brown trout is a fierce predator that preys on other fish.

