

Homework 4.3.19 Identifying language choices

The children looked out of the window onto the snow covered garden. It was a beautiful sight; just like a blank canvas, devoid of colour and waiting for an artist's touch. The sun was rising in the sky, threatening to change the scene as it got warmer and warmer.

"Let's get out there before it melts" exclaimed the children excitedly and they scabbled and scrambled in a flurry of wellingtons, hats and gloves.

When they were all appropriately kitted out, mum opened the door. The biting, breathtaking breeze almost knocked them back indoors and they steadied themselves against the cold wind. They stood for a moment and listened. There was no sound. The usual traffic noises were not there. It was as if the snow was a blanket on the world, calming and dulling the sharp noises as well as covering anything ugly with a perfect and innocent layer of white.

(write your answers to the questions below in your homework book – don't try to squeeze the answers under the questions )

1. Underline the simile used in the text and explain the effect it has.
2. The writer has used alliteration in the text. Copy an alliterative phrase.
3. There is a metaphor in the text – explain what it is and what effect it has.
4. Why has the writer described the sun as '*threatening to change the scene*'?
5. The children are described as being '*appropriately kitted out*' What does this mean ?