

Writing - Term 5 Week 2 - The Environment

Animation: The Ocean Maker (Literacy Shed)



Key learning: to use a variety of sentence openers. You could use the acronym ISPACE to help you.

Task – to write a description of the post-apocalyptic landscape in the video 'The Ocean Maker' using the picture below.



Explanation of activity - Describe what you can see in this picture using your senses. Imagine you are there. What would it feel like? Remember to just describe. There should be no action and no dialogue.

Modelled opening - **Before Katrina**, the endless sea of sand spread as far as the distant horizon. It was a burning, merciless desert without a drop of water. **Shimmering with heat from the relentlessly glaring sun**, a rusted, baked submarine lay partly buried in the sand. **Standing like sentinels**, the mountains of unforgiving sand surrounded the, once battle-worthy, underwater-ship.

ISPACE poster example

The poster consists of six horizontal, rounded rectangular bars, each with a different color and a white circle containing a letter. The bars are stacked vertically. Each bar contains a letter, a grammatical category, and an example sentence.

- I** **ing** - Smiling sweetly, she turned and walked away.
- S** **simile** - Like the chocolates in the box, she vanished quickly.
- P** **preposition** - On top of the hill, the wolf stood and watched.
- A** **adverb** - Hurriedly, he snatched the ticket.
- C** **conjunction** - When he found his bone, the dog settled at the bottom of the stairs.
- E** **ed** - Pleased with what he had done, he stood back and admired his work.