

LITERACY WITH THE LIONESSES:

Resources for schools to encourage reading and writing during the UEFA Women's Euro 2017

Write a description of being in a crowd at a match

Objective: to develop a piece of descriptive writing

Here is a picture of a crowd.



Start thinking about how it feels to stand alongside lots of other people watching a match. What do you think you would be able to hear, see, smell, feel and taste? Think about what is near and far, on the ground, at eye level and then above and around you. This will help you to describe it.

Exercise 1 Create a vocabulary bank using this table about how it feels to be in this crowd.

	Nouns	Adjectives	Verbs	Adverbs / metaphors
Sight	hands	outstretched	waving	like a
Smells				
Touch				
Mood				
Weather / time of day / time of year				

Exercise 2 Write practice sentences choosing one idea from each column on your vocabulary bank. Try to vary your language, starting sentences with an adjective, adverb or verb. Or end with an exclamation or question mark.

e.g. The fans' arms waved like branches from a great forest of trees tossing in the wind.

Exercise 3 Plan the structure of your writing and how the narrator's focus shifts in viewpoint and from one sense to another. Use short paragraphs to keep your reader's interest. Try not to overload your sentences with too much description. Remember what Amy said about telling a story as well, to keep the reader's interest.

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 3

Paragraph 4

Paragraph 5

Now write your descriptive piece expanding on each paragraph using detail and dialogue.