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Literacy – Character Description

The Chupacabra

Today, you are going to be writing your own character description of your own creature.



First of all, I would like you to read through the character description of the Chupacabra to refresh your memory. Then you can get started on your character description.

Getting started...


Opening sentences with verbs, gives more detail about what the creature does.

Where does it live? Can you include alliteration?

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Start by describing your creature's appearance.

Add a little more description about what it looks like. Try using expanded noun phrases




Here is some vocabulary that you could use to up-level your writing! Good luck!

lurking	prefer	mischievous
skin	agile	monotonous
creature	nocturnal	slender
protect	venture	surroundings
protrude	outlandish	dangerous
impeccable	adapted	innocent
sporadic	predator	hunt
reveal	prey	curious

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Round, saucer eyes stare unblinkingly whilst pointed ears protrude from the top of its head. They have impeccable hearing like bats and they can listen for a range of 1 mile in any direction. Upon its head, wisps of matted hair grow in sporadic clumps which look like tufts of grass and reveal patches of pale, peeling skin. Some have pug noses; others have ugly snouts that hook round towards their hairy chins. Thin lips open into a wide toothless smile from which a black tongue resides. Bony shoulders lead into long, dangling arms that fall past its knobbly knees.

Although small in height, this agile creature can run very fast (up to 20mph) for extended periods of time ; it is particularly good at moving swiftly over marshes and bog-mosses due to its wide, splayed feet. Its razor-sharp claws are trowels which they use in order to burrow into hillsides, creating vast warrens underground, allowing them to move about the moorland easily.





Preferring to live in groups, they carry each other if they get tired and protect their young inside a small pouch. Because they are afraid of heights, they will never venture up into the trees so they prefer to have their flat feet on the ground. Even though these creatures look quite outlandish, they are not harmful to humans and due to their lack of teeth, they are strictly vegetarian. Surprisingly, they gain sufficient nutrients from sucking the moisture from plants such as lush ferns and arum lilies.

Often quite mischievous, these creatures like to play pranks in order to entertain themselves and they particularly enjoy teasing unsuspecting tourists - the younger and more innocent the better! From blocking countryside footpaths to making rustling sounds in the hedgerows, they feed off a human's nervous energy. Watching lost, frustrated families try to navigate their way through the monotonous moorlands offers them hours of endless entertainment.

