

Home Learning Task: Finish your plan.

Extension: Add exciting vocabulary using a thesaurus or thesaurus.com

Model Text – Recount

Yesterday evening, I set off to see if I could catch a sighting of the rare wild boar that roamed my local woodland. Daylight was turning to dusk and the temperature was dropping as I entered the wide wood. I knew the signs: scratched bark at pig height, patches of dug up earth especially near bulbs, the sound of snorting, trotter prints in the mud, short wiry black hair and unmissable snouts! At least, that was what I expected.

What I discovered turned out to be something quite different. Broken branches lay everywhere as if a bulldozer had flattened the ground and I could see the soil had been disturbed. I stopped to look and listen. Cautiously, I walked on, only to find freshly dug turf with footprints that were neither human nor those of a wild boar. Not trotters, but giant claw marks! I felt a shiver run down my spine. What extraordinary creature could have made those? Certainly not the wild boar that I had set out to find.

Treading carefully around the footprints, I headed deeper into the wood. Then, just a few feet away to my left lay a still, dark shape. A dead sheep lay stretched out, surrounded by scorched earth. Horrified, I shrieked and turned away! I ran home, as fast as I could, all thoughts of wild boar forgotten. But as I ran, the silence of the wood was broken by the sound of beating wings and a roar that seemed to fill the wood and split the air. I ran even faster. By the time I was home and safe, I knew that that was not a boar I had stumbled across.

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