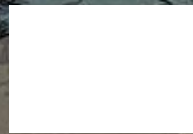




# Different Types of Atmosphere

Writing Examples



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**Sad atmosphere**

What are the features of the text that gave you clues about the atmosphere?



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Adjective choice

Adverb and Verb choices

Humming under his breath, Bert pulled on his welly boots. Picking up his flat cap, he fitted it snugly on his head and pulled open the back door. Stepping into the faint morning sunshine he breathed in deeply, filling his lungs with the cool, fresh air. A smile hung around his lips as he rambled down the lane, drinking in the abundance of colours and smells.

What type of atmosphere does this text have?

**Hopeful atmosphere**

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Character behaviour



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What type of atmosphere does this text have?

**Moody atmosphere**

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# Moody Atmosphere

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Personification

Simile

Word choice for sounds

Adjective choice

Lily crouched down behind the wall, trying to make herself as small as possible. Her hands trembled. Her breath sounded loud in the silent air. The silence did not last. Slow, deliberate, heavy footsteps were making their way towards where she cowered. They stopped. She heard a low, menacing laugh, felt a sharp pain and then, nothing.

What type of atmosphere does this text have?

**Suspense atmosphere**

What are the features of the text that gave you clues about the atmosphere?



# Suspenseful Atmosphere

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Verb choices

Short sentences

Adjective choice

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What type of atmosphere does this text have?

**Calm atmosphere**

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# Calm Atmosphere

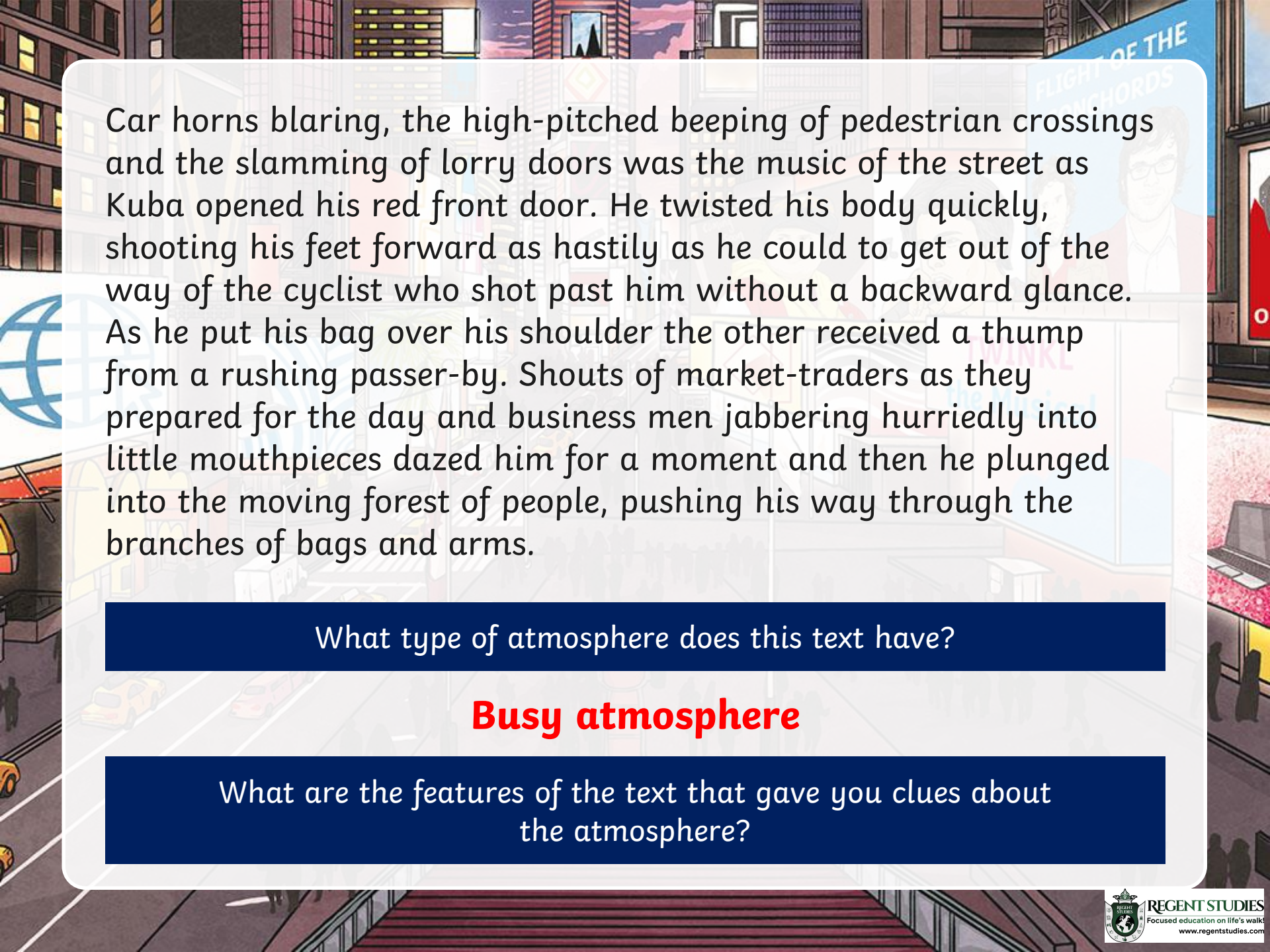
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Personification

Verbs and Adverb choice

Adjective choice





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What type of atmosphere does this text have?

**Busy atmosphere**

What are the features of the text that gave you clues about the atmosphere?



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Verbs and Adverb choice

Metaphor



