

## Descriptive Writing Extract: *Myths and Legends*

Has the author included...

- a description of what can be seen?
- a description of what can be heard?
- a description of what can be felt?
- a description of the weather?
- powerful adjectives to describe the atmosphere?
- a variety of sentence structures and starters?



Many moons ago, the city that we find our brave hero in looked a lot different than it does today. Instead of tall skyscrapers, there was a lush green forest. Instead of the sound of buses and taxis, there was the sound of tūi and kererū singing in the trees. Instead of the smell of full bins, there was the smell of damp soil and wood. It was a very peaceful place. It was also very hot and there were a lot of baby shoots coming up through the forest floor. Most birds and animals lived in peace with each other, although some didn't.

This is where our tale begins. With a kiwi who came out one night after a heavy night of rain. He had brown feathers and his beady eyes darted around on the hunt for a juicy slug. He was mostly happy but also a bit lonely.

Read through the descriptive writing below and use the checklist to see which features the author has managed to include. When you have finished, give the author feedback on their writing using the boxes below.

Features that I really liked:

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Features that I would improve:

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