

As you read, think about: What has been done well? What could be better?

You can use the checklist on the last page to help you decide what has been done well, it will also help you when writing your narrative.

## Leaf





One dark night, the clever crows spotted a strange, unusual creature floating on a lonely piece of ice. It was unlike anything the animals had seen before. The crow was alarmed! It drifted like a lost ship towards the island.

The unusual, snowy bear clearly didn't belong on their island. The landscape was alien to him. He was used to the cold, snow covered Arctic. He was lost! The polar bear who was as white as snow, made his home on the dark, abandoned cave on a hill. The other animals watched but they did not dare approach the cave. They were terrified of this powerful, white bear.

The creature didn't know what to do. It tried to look for a way off the island or for someone to ask for help. Every time he saw an animal they would run away from him. Everyday, he stomped loudly around the forest collecting big leaves, small leaves and colourful leaves. The other animals called him Leaf because of his strange habit and the fact that they wanted him to leave.

Suddenly, one day, Leaf exploded out of the tall, towering trees in the forest. Around his head, danced leaves like a headdress. The leaves sparkled red, orange and golden in the sun. Thundering through the jungle, Leaf jumped into the air and as he did he let out a giant ROAR! He wanted to fly home but instead he tumbled down the hill and landed in the lake. He failed! Miserably, he stumbled back to his abandoned, dark cave.



Leaf lay in his cave feeling glum, lonely and heartbroken. Would he get home? The crows watched over him and they realised this bear needed help. When they had a meeting, the clever crows decided that it was a good idea to talk to Leaf but the other animals said no!

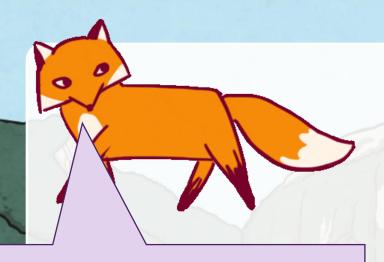
Leaf was still desperate to get home. A few days later, Leaf ran like lightening off the cliff. The clever crows tried to stop him but it was already too late. For a minute, he flew through the sky covered in a cloak of leaves that were like feathers. Then he began to fall. Down, down, down! With a massive SPLASH he crashed into the depths of the unwelcoming, dark waters. He couldn't fly and he couldn't swim all that way home. It was hopeless!







After that, the animals decided to talk to Leaf. Leaf told them that he was unhappy, lost and he just wanted to go back to his family. They saw that Leaf wasn't dangerous, he was just bewildered because he wanted to get home! The other animals were so sorry they had been unkind. Finally, the clever crows came up with a plan so they flapped their shiny, black wings and flew him back home to his family.



Can you include everything to make Mrs Hughes do a happy dance like the polar bear?

 Now we are almost ready to write, you might want to draw a picture to match each part of your story. To help you to remember what to write about in each section.

Like I have done with pictures of the book.

## Check list

Things to include:	
Capital letters/ full stops	
Beautiful handwriting	X
Beginning/middle/end	9 4
Character description	
Similes	
Commas for lists	
BOYS conjunctions (but/or/yet/so)	\ •• \
Exclamation marks	
Short 1-3 sentences	(') X
Apostrophes for contractions	$\gamma$
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