

**Learning Objective**

We are learning to write sentences that use powerful verbs to create precise images.

**Challenge 1**

**Highlight the powerful verbs in the paragraph below.**

The excited film crew busily assembled the equipment. Nervous energy buzzed in the air. The team had only one shot to film a spectacular sight – a forest lit up by fireflies. These tiny insects are famous for emitting a beautiful, yellow glow. The crew hoped to film millions of these minute creatures darting through the darkness looking for a mate. After waiting patiently until dark, they were finally rewarded when vast numbers of fireflies appeared, illuminating the sky.

**Challenge 2**

**Complete each sentence by putting a powerful verb in the space provided.**

1. The crew carefully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the winch and camera.
2. The camera \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the air like a firefly taking flight.
3. Loud buzzing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the team.
4. Thousands of bright fireflies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the darkness urgently \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a mate.
5. The forest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the glow of millions of fireflies.

**Challenge 3**

Fireflies may be brown or black with yellow and red marks. They are small, measuring 0.2 to 1 inch in length. These tiny insects live in tropical climates in the Americas and South East Asia. Fireflies like both damp areas (e.g. rain forests, streams, marshes and ponds) and dry areas (e.g. backyards and meadows). Sadly, the number of fireflies is declining due to light pollution and habitat loss.

**Imagine your back garden is the perfect habitat for fireflies. It has long grass, a pond and tall trees. Your house is at the far end and gives off no light pollution. On a warm night you decide to camp out. While stargazing, to your amazement, millions of fireflies light up your garden. Using some of the words in the Word Wall, write a description of what you see. It should include lots of powerful verbs describing the fireflies as they move through the sky and your reaction to this incredible sight.**

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**Word Wall**

illuminated

fluttered

luminous

enchanting

danced

magical

darted

nocturnal

fireflies