

Embedding Quotations Worksheet

Embedding a quotation means we make it part of the sentence. An embedded quotation is one that is 'merged' with the sentence and is used as if it is in the writer's own words. It often gives you the opportunity to make a more succinct point supported by textual evidence. It saves time and shows that you have sophisticated writing skills. Embed the below quotations and statements into one single embedded sentence. The first one has been done for you.

Example: Mary has red hair. We know this because the writer states, "her copper-coloured ponytail shone in the sun."

Embedded quotation: Mary has "copper-coloured" hair.

1. George is afraid of opening the letter. For example, "he picked up the envelope with trembling fingers."
2. The extract is set in a hot country. The writer says "the tropical sun beat down relentlessly."
3. Anna feels bad about leaving her little brother behind. "As she listened to him cry, guilt swallowed her up like a black hole."
4. The mountain is described as big. The writer says, "Mount Fuji loomed over them like a sleeping giant."
5. The runner is extremely fast. For example, "the sprinter shot past like a rocket."
6. Tom is so afraid he is frozen to the spot. We know this because he says, "I couldn't move."
7. The weather is cold. For example, "it was a frosty morning, the grey clouds threatening snow."
8. It is clear that John is in love with Sarah. "As Sarah walked up the stairs, she found John waiting for her with a bouquet of flowers."

Example answers:

1. George **“picked up the envelope with trembling fingers”** as he was very afraid.
2. **“The tropical sun beat down relentlessly”** revealing the hot climate of the setting.
3. Anna feels guilty about leaving her little brother behind: **“as she listened to him cry, guilt swallowed her up like a black hole.”**
4. The mountain **“loomed over them like a sleeping giant”** showing the sheer size of Mount Fuji.
5. The simile **“the sprinter shot past like a rocket”** conveys the speed of the runner.
6. Tom is so afraid that he is frozen to the spot, admitting, **“I couldn’t move.”**
7. The weather is described as cold: **“It was a frosty morning, the grey clouds threatening snow.”**
8. John was **waiting for Sarah with a bouquet of flowers** when she **“walked up the stairs,”** clearly displaying his love for her.