

5. Alchemists Letter Day 2

Today you are going to focus on the machine. Watch the clip for a second time.

Today you will be writing a description of the machine.

Fill in the table below to help you with description.

What materials might the different elements be made of?	What memories do you see?	What shapes do you see?
How do things move/connect with different elements? What verbs could you use?		
What colours do you see?	What similes do you think of?	

You are now going to write a description of the machine.

Writing tips:

- Consider how noun phrases can feature pre or post modification. This means they can add details before – pre or after, post.

E.g. the **young** guy. This has a premodifier.

Post modifiers are after the noun – The girl in **that dress**. This has a post modifier.

- You may also use relative clauses or even prepositional phrases to modify.
- Here are some words which may help you:

Colossal Wondrous Caution Delicate Complicated Instructions Intricate Unimaginable Precarious Pipework Magical Ancient Metallic Powerful Neglected Lustre Mysterious Damaged Polished Hazard Defected Tarnished Unique Dusty Repetitive Clattering Mechanical

- Think, how does adding detail to description make the sentence more appealing to the reader? Begin to build the opening to the description of the machine. Think about how you will expand your nouns and how sometimes less is more!
- Be creative, use the film and your imagination.

Here is an example –

The monstrous memory machine spluttered and clunked. Delicate, metallic dials spun and whirred, making repetitive clattering noises, covered in cobwebs and dust but as it savagely destroyed the precious moments, steam puffed and blustered in the room. Intricate parts that clatter and whirled pulled and pushed the tarnished metal through the valves, cranks and shafts...


