

Grammar Practice and Play

The train was already **rumbling** in from the darkness and **settling to a long hissing stop**, its carriages and engine clicking and sparking with heat.

Brakes screeched. Steam erupted in billowy clouds. The air was sharp with the stink of oil and coal. Doors swung open. Passengers climbed down. All at once the station was full of people chattering, calling out, unloading bags; she looked hurriedly for the stationmaster but he was far down at the end with his back to her, supervising great milk churns being loaded on.

Explain the author's use of:

- The word '*rumbling*'
- The phrase '*settling to a long hissing stop*'
- Short sentences for action



Change the underlined sections:

- Select different vocabulary
- Replace the phrase with an effective alternative
- Change the short sentence for action



Create your own:

- Imitate the author's style
- Choose a different mode of transport arriving at its destination