

Resource Sheet 5: Create a ballgown

Mrs Gotobed is wearing a ballgown when Carrie meets her for the first time and she tells Carrie she owns one dress for each year of her marriage. Write a description for one of Mrs Gotobed's other ballgowns. Include details such as colour, fabric and decorations.

Be as adventurous as you can with vocabulary, especially related to colour, eg 'cornflower blue', 'emerald', 'cerise'. It would be useful to have a thesaurus to hand.

Sketch of my ballgown

Notes about style
(You might include parts of the dress, using words like 'neckline', 'collar', 'length', 'skirt', 'waistband', 'sleeves', 'cuffs')

Colour vocabulary

Try creating some expanded noun phrases about your dress: