

Purposes for Writing: Writing to Entertain

Writing to Entertain

Help your pupils to understand that, when writing to entertain, the aim is to interest and engage the reader. The use of description is particularly important when trying to paint a picture in the reader's head.

Writing to entertain could be explored at KS1 through:

- stories;
- character descriptions;
- poetry.

Important Features

Teach **expanded noun phrases** and the use of **descriptive language**.

Encourage pupils to think about whether to use the **past tense** or the **present tense**. You may also want to teach the **progressive form** of verbs, such as: I **was walking** through the woods.

Revise the use of **joining words** to extend sentences, such as: **and; but; so; when; or; because**.

You may also want to encourage the use of **time linking words**, such as: **first; then; next; later**.

Punctuation

Remind pupils to include:

- finger spaces;
- capital letters;
- full stops;
- exclamation marks;
- inverted commas to demarcate speech.

Ideas to Support Writing

- Encourage your pupils to rehearse their sentences or phrases orally before writing.
- Encourage your pupils to perform their completed piece of writing. This is especially useful when teaching poetry.

