

Let's Write!



Why Should We Write?

It opens up new worlds. You can be as imaginative and creative as you like! It also helps us to develop problem-solving skills.

It's a great way of reinforcing what we have previously learnt.

It is fun to write and others may get pleasure from reading our writing.

It allows us to express ourselves and communicate with others.

What Do You Think?

Can you think of other reasons why it is good to write?



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Who Can Write?

Everyone can write! It's all about creativity and imagination and everyone has something different to share with the world!

What
Do You
Think?

**What is your favourite story?
Can you remember who the author is?**



If you're up for the challenge, write a fiction story and participate in an exciting writing competition!



What Can My Story Be About?

Your short story can be about absolutely anything; let your imagination run wild!

The main rule is that it must be original (your own ideas). It can involve real or well-known people, but the story must be fictional and you will need to plan and develop the plot of the story yourself.

What else do I need to know before I begin?

An adult can help to write the story down for you (using your words) if you can't write it.

It's important to keep track of time when planning and writing your story as it will need to be handed to your teacher on time.



Top Tips

Your teacher may be looking at these areas when they read and judge your story:

Originality The best stories have original ideas. What will make your story stand out?

Plot It's a good idea to plan your narrative so you can think carefully about the key events. You may decide to use a planning frame so you can think about the beginning, build-up, dilemma, resolution and ending. However, your story doesn't have to follow this structure!

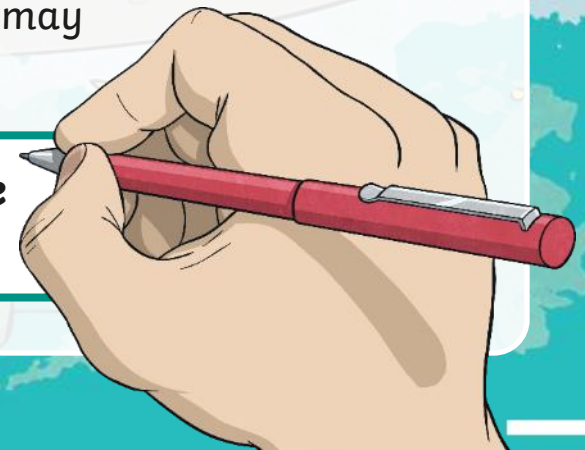
Characterisation Think about the star of your story. Make it someone you would like to know more about if you were reading a book. What techniques will you use to reveal the character's personality to the reader?

Language Use language to build an atmosphere and to really engage the reader. You may decide to add adjectives, adverbs, similes or metaphors!

Enjoyment Write the story that you would enjoy to read. It may be a fantasy story, a science fiction story, a myth or legend!

Talk
Time

Have a chat with your partner about some of the ideas you have!



How Do I Get Started?

Think about:

What interests you?

Is there a character you would enjoy writing about? (Remember, the plot of your story must be all your own idea though.)

What sort of stories do you enjoy reading?

Put your thinking cap on, grab a laptop (or pen and paper) and get those creative juices flowing!

Sentence Starters

A sentence starter, or sentence opener, is a word or phrase used to begin any given sentence.

It's useful to learn a variety of sentence starters to vary your language, making your writing more interesting.

Different styles or types of writing will require different sentence openers to be effective.

How do I know which sentence starter to use?



Sentence Starters

time	order	where	Add information	compare
One day	At first	Over the bridge	Again	However
At last	Secondly	Far away	Another	Yet
Now	Then	Nearby	Along with	Despite
Last	Last	Opposite the	For example	Unlike
All of a Sudden	Finally	Inside of	As well as	Rather than
Meanwhile	Next	In the distance	Also	Although



Conjunctions

A conjunction is a word that is used to connect words, phrases and clauses.

There are many conjunctions in the English language, but some common ones include **and**, **or**, **but**, **because**, **for**, **if** and **when**.



Types of Conjunction

There are two basic types of conjunctions:

Coordinating

A coordinating conjunction is used to join words that link together parts of a sentence. The three main coordinating conjunctions are **and**, **but** and **or**.

They can be used to join together two clauses in a sentence.

It was hot this morning **and** it was humid in the afternoon.

The flowers in the garden were beautiful **but**, unfortunately I was allergic to them.

My dad said I can play football **or** I can play basketball.



Types of Conjunction

There are two basic types of conjunctions:

Subordinating

A subordinating clause is a part of a sentence that adds extra information to the main clause.

A subordinating conjunction is simply the word or words that is used to join a subordinating clause to another clause or sentence.

Even though Noah knows everything, he can never explain what he knows.

Dad frowned at his crossword, **which** lay on the table.



Punctuation - commas

Commas are used to embed a clause (a group of words that include a subject and verb) within a main clause.

The comma is used before the embedded clause and immediately after.

Michael, who sits next to me, is brilliant at Art.



Punctuation - brackets



Brackets are used to add extra information in a text. Curved brackets are most commonly used in a clause.

Mrs Jones (my teacher) works in Year 5.



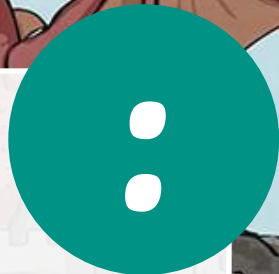
Punctuation - dashes

A dash is used in a clause to separate groups of words. A dash is longer than a hyphen and it tells the reader to take a pause.

The product of four and nine – 36 – is a square number.



Punctuation - colon



A colon is used to tell the reader 'this is what I mean' or 'as follows' and indicates the information following it.

I ordered the following ingredients (and they are): eggs, butter and flour.

Would simply be written as;

I ordered the following ingredients: eggs, butter and flour.



Punctuation – semi-colon



A semi-colon joins two independent clauses without using a conjunction such as 'and'.

We can go to the library in the morning; Mondays are usually quiet.

A semi-colon may be used in a list to divide the items where commas are already used to avoid ambiguity.

I have been to Birmingham, England; Paris, France; New York, USA; and Moscow, Russia.



Punctuation – bullet point

Bullet points can be used to break up complicated information, make the text easier to read or turn it into a list.

A colon must be used before a list.

I need to buy:

- mushrooms
- toothpaste
- popcorn





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