

# Writing Mat

## Expected Year 5

Use a mixture of simple, compound and complex sentences. Use a thesaurus to up-level your vocabulary choices.

Check for tense, subject/verb agreement, person, paragraphs and genre features!

### Marvellous Modals!

Include modal verbs to show possibility:

can could should  
might must may  
would will ought

(and their negative versions)

Could you pop in an adverb of possibility?

surely possibly  
certainly perhaps

### Super Suffixes!

**-ation** preparation sensation  
**-ous** courageous curious serious  
**-ly** gently angrily frantically

### Super Subordination!

Use these conjunctions to create super complex sentences:

if because as  
before after until  
that since when

### Front it Out!

Link your sentences and paragraphs:

#### Time

At that moment, On Saturday,  
Finally,

#### Place

Over the bridge, Inside the chest,  
Beyond the clouds,

#### Frequency

Every few weeks, Never before,  
Occasionally, Often,

#### Manner/ Behaviour

Breathing heavily, Waiting  
anxiously, Without warning,

### It's All Relative!

Use a 'which', 'who' or 'that' relative clause to add extra information:

The Queen, who has reigned for 60 years, has four children.

Hedgehogs eat garden snails, which is important within the food chain.

The stench was so putrid that it made her eyes water.

### Spellings... I need to know most of these:

|             |             |               |             |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| accommodate | correspond  | hindrance     | recognise   |
| accompany   | criticise   | individual    | recommend   |
| according   | curiosity   | interfere     | relevant    |
| achieve     | definite    | interrupt     | restaurant  |
| aggressive  | desperate   | language      | rhyme       |
| amateur     | determined  | leisure       | rhythm      |
| ancient     | develop     | lightning     | sacrifice   |
| apparent    | dictionary  | marvellous    | secretary   |
| appreciate  | embarrass   | mischievous   | shoulder    |
| attached    | environment | muscle        | sincere     |
| available   | equip(-ped) | necessary     | sincerely   |
| average     | equipment   | neighbour     | soldier     |
| awkward     | especially  | nuisance      | stomach     |
| bargain     | exaggerate  | occupy        | sufficient  |
| bruise      | excellent   | occur         | suggest     |
| category    | existence   | opportunity   | symbol      |
| committee   | explanation | parliament    | system      |
| communicate | familiar    | physical      | temperature |
| community   | foreign     | prejudice     | thorough    |
| competition | forty       | privilege     | twelfth     |
| conscience  | frequently  | profession    | variety     |
| conscious   | government  | programme     | vegetable   |
| controversy | guarantee   | pronunciation | vehicle     |
| convenience | harass      | queue         | yacht       |

### Expanded Noun Phrases:

Get Descriptive!  
the ferocious, snarling beast  
inside the cage  
the breath-taking, scenic  
view beyond the valley

### Punctuation Reminders:

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| <b>A</b> | Capital letters for sentences, initials and proper nouns.  |
| .        | Full stops.  |
| !        | Exclamation marks for exclamations or surprise.  |
| ?        | Question marks.  |
| '        | Apostrophes for possession and missing letters and to mark missing letters in contracted words, e.g. didn't. |
| ,        | Commas in lists , and to mark parenthesis, fronted adverbials and clauses.                                   |
| “ ”      | Inverted commas for speech. (Don't forget the commas too!)   |
| -        | Hyphen to connect words together.  |
| -        | Dashes to show longer pauses or parenthesis.   |
| ( )      | Brackets for parenthesis.  |