

Writing Mat Working towards Year 6

Spellings...I need to know some of these:

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achieve	definite	interrupt	restaurant
aggressive	desperate	language	rhyme
amateur	determined	leisure	rhythm
ancient	develop	lightning	sacrifice
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appreciate	embarrass	mischievous	shoulder
attached	environment	muscle	sincere
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Punctuation Reminders:

A	Capital letters for sentences, initials and proper nouns.
.	Full stops
!	Exclamation marks for exclamations or surprise.
?	Question marks
'	Apostrophes for possession and missing letters.
,	Commas in lists, and to mark parenthesis, fronted adverbials and clauses.
“ ”	Inverted commas for speech (Don't forget the commas too!).

Keep It Neat!

Write in a neat, legible style.

Important Links!

Link your sentences and paragraphs using adverbials:

Time

Subsequently, Later that day,

Finally,

Place

Deep inside the forest, Below the sea,

Frequency

Occasionally, Often,

Contrast/ Cause

On the other hand, In contrast,

As a result, Consequently,

Manner/ Behaviour

Breathing heavily, Waiting anxiously, Without warning,

Suspecting the worst,

Use a mixture of simple, compound and multi-clause sentences.

Use a thesaurus to up-level your vocabulary choices.

It's All Relative!

Use a relative pronoun to add a relative clause.

who, which, where, when, whose, that

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.

They had ventured deep into the forest where they began to feel uneasy.

Splendid Subordination!

Use these conjunctions in varied places in your multi-clause sentences:

if	because	as
before	after	until
unless	since	when

Can you use a subordinate clause in different places in your sentences?

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Creating Cohesion Top

Tip: Not only can you use pronouns like he, she, it or they instead of repeating a name or names but how about other names or titles too? Here's some examples: the teacher, she, Mrs Smith, the lovely woman or the lady with the long hair.

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Active and Passive

Use active and passive sentences appropriately:

Active: In front of millions of screaming fans, the star striker missed a vital penalty.

Passive: In front of millions of screaming fans, a vital penalty was missed by the star striker.

Perfect Parenthesis!

Use brackets, commas or dashes to punctuate extra information and asides:

The tomb of Tutankhamen (the Ancient Egyptian pharaoh) was discovered by Howard Carter.

The advancing alien, who was speaking a Martian language, looked dangerous.

The daffodils – my favourite sign of spring – swayed gently in the woodland breeze.

Use a thesaurus to look for more ambitious synonyms. Why use 'frightened' when you could use...

startled alarmed apprehensive

Or 'show' a character's feelings:

his breathing quickened her heart raced

sweat trickled gasping for air

Check for:

- consistent tense and person
- subject/verb agreement
- paragraphs with cohesive links
- genre features
- layout devices

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Use a full range of punctuation.

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Use semi colons, colons and dashes to mark independent clauses:

It felt like forever– the longest six weeks holiday of all time.

Jack's eyes slowly opened; there was no one to be seen.

They all knew his secret: he was a specialist secret agent.

Important Links!

Link your sentences and paragraphs using time, place, frequency, contrast/cause and manner adverbials, e.g.

Later that day, Deep inside the forest, Occasionally, On the other hand, Consequently, Waiting anxiously,

Managing Formality!

here appropriate, can you switch between levels of formality from formal to informal?

passive sentence structures

precise, formal word choices

independent clauses marked with semi-colons or colons

survey has been published this week, which says almost 50% of the UK population believe that there is other intelligent life out there within the universe; in fact, it is a mainstream viewpoint shared across most of the western world. So, what do you think? Martians, aliens, little green men – or whatever you want to call them – after years of searching, have yet to be found anywhere in the universe. Does that mean they ever will,

question tags

colloquialisms, slang or less formal language

refer directly to the reader

who knows?

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Create a Mood!

Where appropriate, in formal writing, use the subjunctive mood:

If I were The Queen, ...

Were there to be a change in my circumstances...