

Writing Mat

Working towards Year 5

Punctuation Power!

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| A | Capital letters for the start of sentences, names and places. |
| . | A full stop at the end of a sentence. |
| ! | Exclamation marks for exclamations or surprise. |
| ? | Question marks for questions. |
| ' | Apostrophes for showing something belongs to someone and to mark missing letters in contracted words, e.g. didn't |
| , | Commas to separate items on a list and to mark fronted adverbials and clauses. |

Have you...

- made your verbs and subjects agree? was/were did/done
- written in the correct tense and person?
- written in paragraphs?
- included all the features of the genre?



Splendid Subordination!

Use these conjunctions to create super complex sentences:

if because as
before after until
unless since when

Can you use subordinate clauses in different places in your sentences?

After Superman arrived, the dangling bus was saved from the cliff top.

Expanded Noun Phrases: Get Descriptive!

a magnificent, sparkling necklace with priceless diamonds

the ferocious, snarling beast inside the cage

the breath-taking, scenic view beyond the valley

Can You Sneak in an Extra Clause?

Use 'which' or 'who' to add extra information! Be careful with your commas!

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

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

Marvellous Modals!

Include modal verbs to show possibility:

can/ cannot could/ could not
should/ should not might/ might not
must / must not may/ may not
would/ would not will/ will not
ought/ ought not

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

| | | | | |
|----------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| accident(ally) | consider | grammar | natural | question |
| actual(ly) | continue | group | naughty | recent |
| address | decide | guard | notice | regular |
| although | describe | guide | occasion | reign |
| answer | different | heard | occasionally | remember |
| appear | difficult | heart | often | sentence |
| arrive | disappear | height | opposite | separate |
| believe | early | history | ordinary | special |
| bicycle | earth | imagine | particular | straight |
| breath | eight | increase | peculiar | strange |
| breathe | eighth | important | perhaps | strength |
| build | enough | interest | popular | suppose |
| business | exercise | island | position | surprise |
| busy | experience | knowledge | possess(ion) | therefore |
| calendar | experiment | learn | possible | though |
| caught | extreme | length | potatoes | thought |
| centre | famous | library | pressure | through |
| century | favourite | material | probably | various |
| certain | February | medicine | promise | weight |
| circle | forward(s) | mention | purpose | woman |
| complete | fruit | minute | quarter | women |

Front it Out!

Use fronted adverbials with a comma to help to link 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 As quick as a flash, Breathing heavily, Waiting anxiously, Without warning, Totally overwhelmed,

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!

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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

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| 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 |

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Super Suffixes!

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

It's All Relative!
Use a 'which', 'who' or 'that' relative clause to add extra information:

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Use a relative pronoun to add a relative clause.

who, which, where, when, whose, that

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

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| 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 |
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