

# WRITING RESOURCE PACK

This resource pack identifies the text types mentioned in the Supporting Documents for Level 5 (Year 3 and Year 4) and for Level 6 (Year 5). Each genre is briefly described and is pegged to the learning outcomes and skills in the Supporting Documents. The success criteria for teachers are tailored to every genre and establish what teachers should be assessing. The success criteria for learners allow learners to self-assess, monitor, reflect and identify learning gaps. Writing frames serve as writing outlines as well as language scaffolds. The writing models provide concrete examples that help learners understand the structures, conventions and organisational features of every genre. The suggested titles are examples of authentic text activities. They are in line with the themes identified in the Supporting Documents and indicate the genre, audience and purpose (GAP) of each writing task. For further support, writing organisers and word mats are presented in this document to help learners plan a writing task and use words and phrases that can complement it. Marking schemes available in the Supporting Documents for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5, can be used as guides when marking writing and giving feedback.



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# Writing a caption

### What is a caption?

The writing of a caption is featured in Level 5 in Year 4. A caption consists of a sentence or phrase which describes the picture in as few words as possible. The information included is very detailed and specific but short and to the point. A caption can simply state who is in the picture, who is doing what, when, where and why. It is essentially a descriptive title under a photograph/visual. It can also include a quote or a saying, which can be humorous or inspirational. Present tenses are generally used. Learners can leaf through magazines, leaflets or brochures to select the picture, bring their own photos or else draw or paint their own pictures. It can also be done on digital platforms like PicSay or PicCollage.

#### Reference to LOs

When writing a caption, learners are mainly working to achieve these Year 4 Learning Outcomes:

Year 4	
W5.2	I can, at an elementary level, use appropriate format and features of
	presentation to convey the purpose of a text.
W5.4	I can, with support, edit and revise my written work.
W5.6	I can use words to achieve effects in my writing.
W5.8A	I can participate in writing for a range of purposes and write in some
	genres.
W5.11	I can add detail and interest to basic sentence structures in a variety of
	ways.

### Success Criteria for teachers

The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 24 (LOF Year 4), can be used by teachers when assessing captions:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners included information that describes or	Content and Relevance
adds information to the picture.	Content and Relevance
Learners used correct sentence structures.	Organisation and Structure
Learners included suitable, descriptive vocabulary.	Vocabulary
Learners made correct use of grammar.	Language use
Learners used correct spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

# Success criteria for learners

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

	Writing a caption	- 0 massas
My sent	ence describes who/what is in th	e picture.
My sent	ence describes what is happening	g in the picture.
My sent	ence is clear, focused and easy to	o understand.
I used p	present tenses.	
My sent	ence begins with a capital letter.	<b>₹</b>
My sent	ence ends with the correct punct	cuation marks.
I check	ed for spelling errors.	

# **Writing Models**

Your school will be publishing the school yearbook soon. Write captions for the following pictures.

Thematic Area: Personal Identification



The Year 4 pupils visit Esplora and enjoy hands-on activities.



The Year 5 pupils visit the modern National Aquarium in Malta and learn about different fish species that live in the Mediterranean.

# **Suggested titles**

These photos are to be published on your school magazine. Write a caption for each one.



**Thematic Area:** Year 4 - Environment



Thematic Area: Year 4 - Hobbies and Leisure



Thematic Area: Year 4 - Shopping Services

# Writing a postcard

## What is a postcard?

The writing of a postcard is featured across Level 5 in both Year 3 and Year 4. In Year 3 learners are expected to write between 20 to 30 words. In Year 4 learners are expected to write between 30 to 40 words. A postcard consists of a brief, friendly greeting you send to a close friend or relative while you are abroad. Usually it includes a brief description of places visited or activities done or to be done.

#### Reference to LOs

When writing a postcard, learners are mainly working to achieve these Learning Outcomes:

Year 3	Year 4
W5.9 I can write a paragraph appropriately for an audience	W5.2 I can, at an elementary level, use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the purpose of a text.
and with a purpose.	W5.4 I can, with support, edit and revise my written work.
	W5.6 I can use words to achieve effects in my writing.
	W5.7 I can express my opinions in
W5.12 I can make a text more	writing on a range of topics.
interesting or more relevant to me by changing the vocabulary.	W5.8A I can participate in writing for a range of purposes and write in some genres.
W5.14 I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present	W5.11 I can add detail and interest to basic sentence structures in a variety of ways.  W5.15 I can organise my ideas into a
it accurately.	clear, cohesive and coherent paragraph.

# Success criteria for teachers

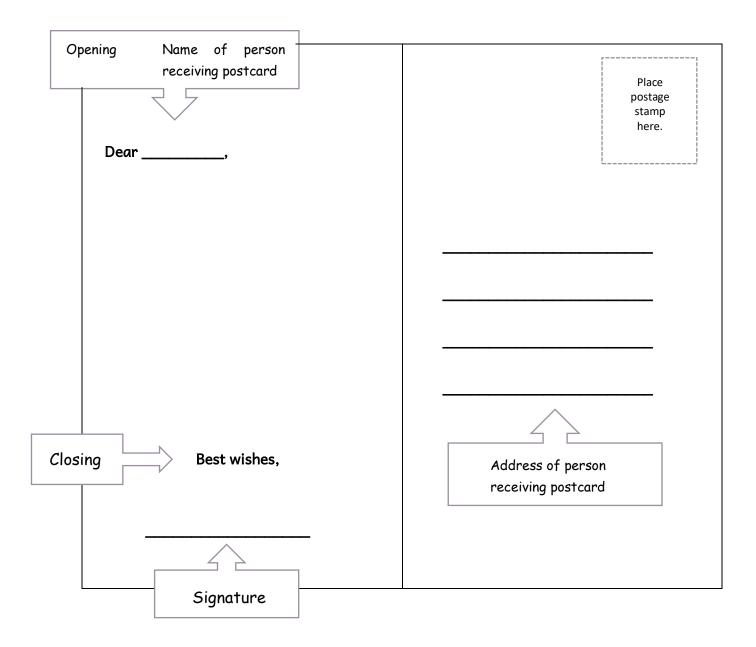
The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 26 (LOF Year 3) and p. 24 (LOF Year 4), can be used by teachers when assessing a postcard:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners wrote the recipient's address on the right-	Organisation and Structure
hand side of the postcard.  Learners used the left part of the back of the postcard	Organisation and Structure
to write their message.  Learners wrote "Dear" and the recipient's name, followed by a comma on the left-hand side.	Organisation and Structure
Learners wrote a concise and warm message to the recipient and included information about their travels (e.g. weather, accommodation, places visited).	Content and Relevance Vocabulary
Learners included a closing statement like "Best" or "Love", followed by a comma.	Organisation and Structure
Learners signed off the postcard.	Organisation and Structure
Learners used correct sentence structures.	Language use
Learners used correct spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

Writing a postcard
My postcard starts with "Dear" followed by the receiver's name and a comma.
My postcard has information about my holiday (where I am, how long I am staying, what I did, what I am going to do).
My postcard closes with "Best wishes", "Yours" or "Love" followed by a comma.
I signed off my postcard.
I used the first person 'I'.
My postcard has a stamp and the recipient's address.
My postcard is neat and legible.
My sentences begin with capital letters.
My sentences end with the correct punctuation marks.
I checked for spelling errors.

# Writing Frame - Postcard



## **Writing Model**

You are Leah and you are on holiday in London. Send <u>a postcard</u> to <u>your friend Tammy</u> <u>Grech</u> who lives in 118, Old Mill Street, Rabat, RBT1234, Malta. <u>Tell her about the</u> <u>weather, where you are staying and what you are doing.</u>

**Thematic Area:** Year 3 – Places and Directions/The World Around Us Year 4 – Travel and Country

Dear Tammy,

We have arrived in London. We are staying in a luxurious 5-star hotel near St Paul's Cathedral. The weather is chilly as expected. We went on the famous London Eye and did some serious shopping. Tomorrow we plan on going to Buckingham Palace and hopefully I'll meet the Queen. I got you a keychain to add to your collection. I can't wait to show you all the photos that I've taken. Wish you were here.

Love,

Leah



Ms Tammy Grech

118, Old Mill Street

Rabat, RBT1234

Malta

## **Suggested titles:**

You are visiting South America to learn about different countries. Write a postcard to your family to tell them where you went, what you saw and where you will go.



**Year 3:** The World Around Us

Year 4: Travel



You are on holiday with your family in Italy. Write a postcard to your best friend and tell him about your trip.



Year 3: The World Around
Us/Transport/
Family and Friends

Year 4: Travel/
Relationships



You have travelled to London for the very first time. Write a postcard to your friend Eric to tell him how your trip on the plane went and your experience on the double decker bus and/or train.

# Thematic Areas:

**Year 3:** Transport/ The World Around Us

Year 4: Travel



# Writing a short story

## What is a short story?

The writing of a short story is featured across Level 5 in both Year 3 and Year 4 and across Level 6 in Year 5. Word length varies per year.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
50-70 words	70-100 words	100-140 words

A short story is usually written in the first or third person narrative and is real or imaginary. It should consist of an introduction in which you set the scene (who is involved, time, place), a main body consisting of one, two or three paragraphs in which you present the problem, culminating in a climax leading to the resolution and an ending which can include the moral of the story.

#### Reference to LOs

When writing a short story, learners are mainly working to achieve these Learning Outcomes:

Year 3	
W5.9	I can write a paragraph appropriately for an audience and with a purpose.
W5.12	I can make a text more interesting or more relevant to me by changing
	the vocabulary.
W5.14	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it
	accurately.
Year 4	
W5.2	I can, at an elementary level, use appropriate format and features of
	presentation to convey the purpose of a text.
W5.4	I can, with support, edit and revise my written work.
W5.6	I can use words to achieve effects in my writing.
W5.8B	I can participate in writing for a range of purposes and write in some
	genres.
W5.11	I can add detail and interest to basic sentence structures in a variety of
	ways.

W5.15	I can organise my ideas into a clear, cohesive and coherent paragraph.
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Year 5	
WR6.2	I can use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the
	purpose of a text.
WR6.4	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it
	accurately.
WR6.5	I can revise and edit work with minimal support.
WR6.7	I can use words to achieve effects in my writing and use a range of
	vocabulary and expressions that set specific moods and depict scenes.
WR6.9	I can participate in writing for a wide range of genre, audience and
	purposes (GAP).
WR6.16	I can organise my ideas into clear, cohesive and coherent paragraphs
	sustained over an extended piece of writing.

# Success Criteria for teachers

The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 26 (LOF Year 3), p. 24 (LOF Year 4) and p.34 (LOF Year 5) can be used by teachers when assessing a story:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners included a brief introduction, one to	
three paragraphs for the body and a satisfying	Organisation and Structure
conclusion that links to the opening.	
Learners addressed the title (e.g. described,	Content and Relevance
narrated, explained, informed).	
Learners indented each paragraph and skipped a	Onganisation and Structure
line between every paragraph.	Organisation and Structure
Learners created a setting by writing about who,	Content and Relevance
what, where and when.	Vocabulary
Learners built up the events logically.	Organisation and Structure
	Vocabulary
Learners included details, descriptions using the	Language Use
5 senses, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.	Content and Relevance
Learners used correct spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

Writing a short story		
	My story has at least one character.	
	I created a setting by writing about who, what, where and when.	
	My story has a beginning, a middle and an ending.	
	My introduction consists of $2/3$ sentences and sets the scene.	
	My paragraphs are organised and link with linking words (e.g. suddenly, after that)	
	My first body paragraph tells me how the story starts.	
	My second body paragraph presents me with the problem.	
	My third body paragraph presents me with the climax and resolution.	
	My conclusion consists of $2/3$ sentences and presents me with the moral of the story.	
	I used the 5 senses, adjectives and adverbs to make my description detailed.	
	I used figures of speech such as similes, metaphors, personifications and onomatopoeic words.	
	My sentences begin with capital letters.	
	My sentences end with the correct punctuation marks.	
	I checked for spelling errors.	
	I skipped a line between each paragraph.	
	I indented every paragraph.	
	My story is neat and legible.	

# Writing Frame – Short Story

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Introduction Introduce the main characters and the setting.	
Body 1 - Build-Up Develop the characters and the setting.	
Include the points that lead up to the climax or conflict.	
Body 2 - Conflict/Climax Describe the conflict/ climax in the story and the characters' reaction.	
Body 3 – Ending/Resolution Explain how the conflict is resolved and what happens at the end.	
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<u>Conclusion</u> State the moral of the story.	

## **Writing Model**

This week your teacher announced a <u>Short Story Competition</u>. You have been asked to write about an unforgettable experience. The <u>best entry will be hung on the class noticeboard</u>. Write your <u>short story</u>.

**Thematic Areas:** Year 4 - Personal Stories and Adventures

Year 5 – Space and Travel

#### When I met an Alien



Last Saturday it was a beautiful day with a spotless sky. My family and I invited my aunty, uncle and cousins to a picnic in a garden, a stone's throw away from my house.

As soon as we arrived, my mum laid the red and white picnic blanket on the lush, green grass. My cousin George brought his football with him and we had a whale of a time playing football. Accidentally, my youngest cousin, Tim threw the ball behind the bush and I dashed to get it. As soon as I got near the bush I realised that someone was hiding behind it. I approached it cautiously and ...

It was there when I saw it. I could not believe my eyes. In front of me, long and lanky, stood an alien. The alien, clad in a pink suit, had green skin, three round bulgy eyes and long antennae. I wanted to run away but curiosity got the better of me. He told me his name was Wizny and he was exploring our planet. Then, I introduced myself and my family while we offered him some of our left-over food.

Suddenly, Wizny became very sad. Apparently, Wizny's shuttle ran out of fuel and he couldn't return home. To our astonishment, Wizny's shuttle ran on water. How eco-friendly! We gave him plenty of water to fill up his shuttle and some more in a jerry can. Wizny was very grateful. With all the excitement his face turned a bright red. What a fascinating creature!

Soon it was time for the alien to go back to his planet Mars. It was extremely intriguing finding out all about Wizny's life. We bid him farewell and promised each other to meet again. WHAT AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY!

## **Suggested titles:**

You are going to write a scary story of when you and your friends got caught in a storm during a hike. The story is going to be published in the school magazine. Write the short story.



**Thematic Areas:** 

**Year 3:** Family and Friends

**Year 4:** Weather and Natural Disasters

The teacher wants to publish a list of mysterious stories on the school website. You are going to write a story about an abandoned house that you and your friends explored. Write the short story.



Thematic Areas:

Year 3: Family and Friends

Year 4: The Home/Personal
Stories and
Adventures

Year 5: Places

You want to take part in a writing competition. The winner will have the story published in a book about animals. You are going to write the story of when you found a strange animal. Write the short story.



**Thematic Areas:** 

Year 3: Animals

**Year 4:** Personal Stories and Adventures

**Year 5:** The Natural
World and
Wildlife

# Filling in a form

#### What is a form?

Filling in a form is featured across Level 5 in both Year 3 and Year 4. An identity kit is usually a form filling task which learners need to complete with personal information for a specific purpose such as to enrol in a gym, to give feedback, to register for a course or to leave one's contact details.

#### Reference to LOs

When filling in a form, learners are mainly working to achieve these Learning Outcomes:

Year 3	
W5.9	I can write a paragraph appropriately for an audience and with a purpose.
W5.12	I can make a text more interesting or more relevant to me by changing the
VV5.12	vocabulary
Year 4	
W5.4	I can, with support, edit and revise my written work.
W5.6	I can use words to achieve particular effects in my writing.
W5.8C	I can participate in writing for a range of purposes and write in some genre.
W5.11	I can add detail and interest to basic sentence structures in a variety of ways.

#### Success Criteria for teachers

When filling in a form, teachers can use the following success criteria for assessment:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners included correct and concise information	Content and Relevance
about themselves.	Vocabulary
Learners used correct spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

Filling in a form	Success Griteria
My form contains information about mys	elf.
My personal information starts with capi	ital letters.
My sentences begin with capital letters.	
My sentences end with the correct punct	tuation marks.
I checked for spelling errors.	
My form is neat and legible.	

# Writing Model 1

You want to become <u>a member of Kids Reading Club</u> <u>because it offers discounts when</u> <u>buying books.</u> Fill in this <u>application form</u> with your personal information correctly.

Thematic Areas: Year 3 - Personal Stories and Adventures/ Sports and Free Time

Year 4 - Personal Identification/Hobbies and Leisure

APPLICATION FORM

Name:	Addr	ess:
		Postcode:
Date of Birt	h:	Age:
Home numb	er:Mobile:	Email:
How did you	ı hear about us?	
Social Media	A Newspaper Rac	lio Friend/Relative
	this box if you do not wish to recei ts from us.	ve further information regarding promotions and
Parent/Gua	rdian Signature	Date
Return your	application for the Kids' Club to:	
In person:	Kids' Club Office, Uphill Street, N	axxar
By post:	Kids' Club Home,	
	Uphill Street,	
	Naxxar P.O. Box 1234,	
	NXR 1902	
By email:	kidsclub@gmail.com	

# Writing Model 2

You want to <u>participate in a competition and the winner wins a trip to Euro Disney</u>. For this competition you have to create <u>an identity kit</u> about yourself, design a badge for your superhero's costume and write a story about your superpowers.

**Thematic Area:** Year 4 - Personal Stories and Adventures

Name of superhero:		Most famous bold feat/achievement:
Chasial augumentoures		
Special superpower:		
Secret identity:	run win	
Danian tha hadaa		
Design the badge.		

# **Suggested forms:**

Kids'R'Us is a popular toy-store. You want to <u>benefit from its offers and find out about</u> <u>events, competitions, new toys and special activities</u>. Fill in this <u>application form</u> to become a member.

**Thematic Areas:** Year 3 – Sports and Free Time

Year 4 - Hobbies and Leisure



First Name:	Surn	name:	
Address:			
Town:	Postcode:	Country:	
Phone:	Email:	·····	
Date of Birth:	Nat	ationality:	
Terms and condition	IS		
I accept the Kids'R'U  Kids'R'Us Rewards c			
events and offers, please Yes, please contact me v	e tick below to receive marketing		test
Please note, if you have marketing communicatio		e boxes, you will not receive any rewards-spe	cific

You want to become <u>a member of Book Attic Bookshop Club</u> so you <u>can benefit from</u> several discounts and earn many prizes. Fill in this form.

Thematic Areas: Year 3 - Sports and Free Time Year 4 - Hobbies and Leisure Child's Information Full name: Surmame: Address: Postcode: Parent's Email: ......Home Tel No: ..... Mobile Tel No: ..... Date of Birth: Nationality...... What kind of books do you enjoy reading? □ Activity books □ Classic & Literature ☐ Comics: Graphic ☐ Fiction □ Novels □ Educational ☐ General Reference. ☐ Hobbies, Interests ☐ Humour 8. Crafts. ☐ Movie/TV tie-ins. Other:..... ☐ Poetry What influences you when choosing a book? ☐ Adverts. □ Word of mouth ☐ Content □ Offers □ Reviews: □ Recommendation Recommendations friends/family Shop display by school Other: ..... How did you find about Book Attic Bookshop Club?\_ I hereby confirm that the above information has been given freely. In addition, I am hereby giving the consent for the processing of said information. Signature:.... Date:.... Kindly return this form by hand to any Book Attic Bookshop or by mail to: Book Attic Bookshop Club, P.O. Box 21, Marsa, Malta.

Your friend <u>Lisa has gone missing and you want to find her</u>. Fill in <u>Lisa's identity-kit</u>. This will be <u>displayed in public places</u>.

Thematic Areas: Year 3 - The Body and the Face/Family and Friends

Year 4 - Personal Identification

# Have you seen Lisa?



Name:
Age at time of disappearance:
Weight:
Height:
Hair:
Eyes:
Clothes she was wearing at time of disappearance:
Distinguishing marks:
Missing since:
Last seen:
Details:
Details:

### PLEASE HELP!

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ON 99123456

# Writing an informal letter

#### What is an informal letter?

The writing of an informal letter is featured across Level 5 in both Year 3 and Year 4 and across Level 6 in Year 5. Word length varies per year.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
50-70 words	70-100 words	100-140 words

Informal letters are messages usually handwritten to a person/s you know well such as a close relative or friend and are sent by mail. Therefore, apart from letter writing learners should also know how to write their address and how to address an envelope. Letters are written for a specific reason such as to:

- give/ask for advice/help
- give/ask for news
- give/ask for information
- apologise
- thank someone
- narrate
- describe

- congratulate
- invite
- accept/refuse an invitation
- make suggestions
- give instructions
- give directions

Letters should consist of an introduction in which you greet the person, refer to the last letter and explain why you are writing, a main body consisting of one, two or three paragraphs and a conclusion where you sum up your letter, give your regards and ask the receiver to write back.

# Reference to LOs

When writing an informal letter, learners are mainly working to achieve these Learning Outcomes:

Year 3	
W5.9	I can write a paragraph appropriately for an audience and with a purpose.
W5.12	I can make a text more interesting or more relevant to me by changing the vocabulary.
W5.14	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.
Year 4	
W5.2	I can, at an elementary level, use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the purpose of a text.
W5.4	I can, with support, edit and revise my written work.
W5.6	I can use words to achieve particular effects in my writing.
W5.7	I can express my opinions in writing on a range of topics.
W5.8A	I can participate in writing for a range of purposes and write in some genres.
W5.11	I can add detail and interest to basic sentence structures in a variety of ways.
W5.15	I can organise my ideas into a clear, cohesive and coherent paragraph.
Year 5	
WR6.2	I can use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the purpose of a text.
WR6.4	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.
WR6.5	I can revise and edit work with minimal support.
WR 6.7	I can use words to achieve effects in my writing and use a range of vocabulary and expressions that set specific moods and depict scenes.
WR6.9	I can participate in writing for a wide range of genre, audience and purposes (GAP).
WR6.16	I can organise my ideas into clear, cohesive and coherent paragraphs sustained over an extended piece of writing.

#### Success Criteria

The following success criteria which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 26 (LOF Year 3), p.24 (LOF Year 4) and p.34 (LOF Year 5) can be used by teachers when assessing an informal letter:

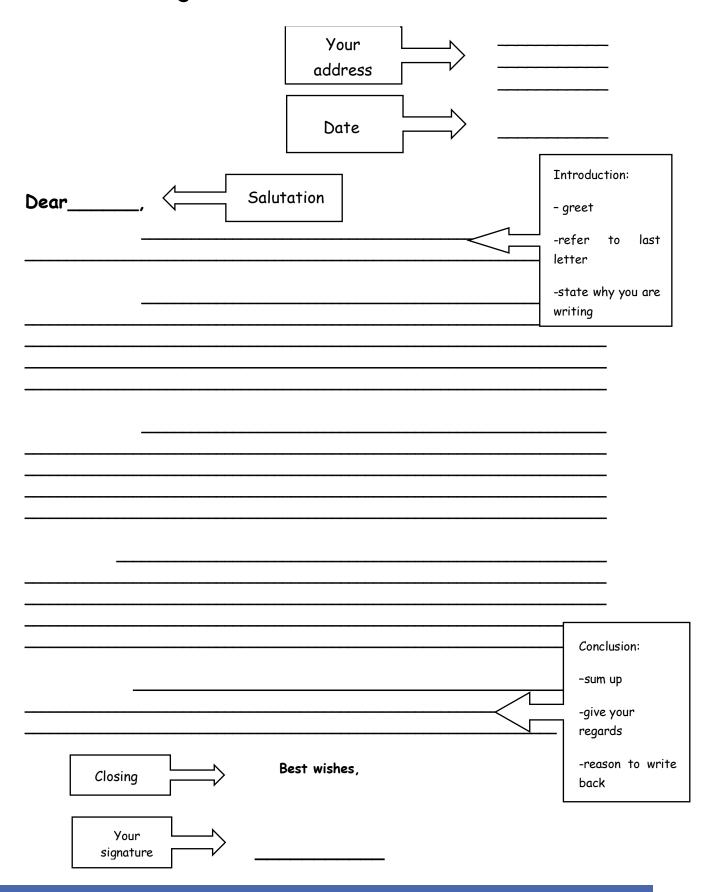
Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners wrote their address in the upper right-	Organisation and Structure
hand corner.	organisation and 3th acture
Learners skipped a line under their address and	Organisation and Structure
wrote the date in full.	organisación ana 3tractare
Learners skipped a line and on the left-hand	
corner, wrote the salutation "Dear" and the	Organisation and Structure
recipient's name, followed by a comma.	
Learners skipped a line and from under the comma	
wrote a brief introduction, skipped a line and	Organisation and Structure
wrote one, two or three paragraphs for the body,	or garnisacion and 3th actare
skipped a line and wrote a brief conclusion.	
The learners addressed the title (e.g. described,	Content and Relevance
narrated, explained, informed ).	Content and Relevance
The learners skipped a line, wrote a closing	
statement like "Best regards", "Best wishes" or	Organisation and Structure
"Love" in the centre, followed by a comma.	
Learners skipped two lines and signed off the	Organisation and Structure
letter.	or garnisación ana 3ti actare
Learners indented all the paragraphs.	Organisation and Structure
Learners included details, descriptions, adjectives,	Vocabulary
verbs and adverbs.	Language Use
vei us alia aavei us.	Content and Relevance
Learners used correct spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

# Success criteria for learners

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

Writing an informal letter
My letter has an address in the upper right-hand corner.
I skipped a line and wrote the full date under the address.
I skipped a line and wrote the salutation "Dear" followed by the
name of the person receiving the letter and a comma in the left-hand corner.
I skipped a line and started my introduction from under the comma.
My introduction has $2/3$ sentences and consists of a greeting, a
reference to the last letter and the reason why I am writing
the letter.
My letter has 1-3 body paragraphs.
I skipped a line between each body.
My conclusion has 2/3 sentences, sums up my letter, sends my
regards and asks the receiver to write back.
I asked questions throughout the letter.
I used the first person 'I'.
I used a friendly, chatty style of writing.
I indented all the paragraphs.
My letter has a closing; "Best regards", "Best wishes" or "Love"
followed by a comma.
I signed off my letter.
I used the correct punctuation.
I checked my letter for spelling errors.
My letter is neat and legible.

# Writing Frame – An Informal Letter



#### **Writing Model**

You are Martina and you live in Fl1, Beach Court, Tower Street, Mosta, MST 1234, Malta. Your friend <u>Amelia</u> lives abroad. Write her <u>a letter</u> to tell her <u>how you spent your Carnival holidays</u>.

Thematic Areas: Year 4 - Celebrations

Year 5 - Feasts and Celebrations

FL1, Beach Court, Tower Street, Mosta, MST 1234 Malta

2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019

Dear Amelia.

How are you? You had me in stitches when you told me all about the prank you pulled. I am glad you did well in your piano exam. Let me tell you all about my Carnival holidays.

I had the time of my life celebrating Carnival. For the first time, I dressed up as a clown. I wore big, white shoes, a colourful shirt with red and blue pompoms as buttons and a white spotted bow around my neck. I wore a pair of stripped, baggy trousers and a bright, pointed hat. Of course, mum stuck a fake, red nose on my real one. According to Ms Borg I had the most beautiful costume she had ever seen. She is such a peach.

During the holidays we went to Valletta. I saw extravagantly coloured floats and long parades of talented dancers in outrageous costumes. We stopped at a coffee shop for a sweet treat. I tried the 'prinjolata' for the first time. It surely isn't going to be the last! Luckily, I saw my friend Ella dancing with her classmates. Do you remember Ella? She used to attend the swimming lessons with us. She was dressed up as a unicorn. She was striking!

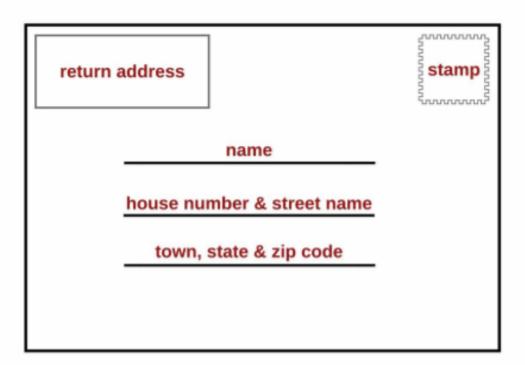
On Monday, I paid Gozo a visit to see the famous Carnival in Nadur. This was my first time there and I did not know what to expect. Many people wore scary masks. Others were dressed up as famous people. Initially I was scared but then I relaxed and enjoyed the evening. Unfortunately, it started raining in bucketfuls, so we changed our plans and went home. Tough luck!

Time flies quickly during the holidays. How did you spend your mid-term holidays? I know London is exciting at this time of the year. I hope to hear from you soon. Please give my regards to your family.

Best regards,

Martina

# ADDRESSING AN ENVELOPE





### **Suggested titles:**

You received a letter from your aunt Grace. She wanted to know what you enjoy doing in your free time, so she can decide on a gift for your birthday. Send her a letter.



Your Canadian cousins are visiting Malta and Gozo for the first time. Write a letter to tell them about places in Malta or Gozo that you are going to take them to.



You received a letter from your new Italian friend Pietro. He wants to know more about your school. Write a letter to tell him all about it.



#### **Thematic Areas:**

**Year 3:** Family and Friends/ Sports and Free Time

**Year 4**: Relationships/ Hobbies and Leisure

Year 5: Feasts and Celebrations

#### **Thematic Areas:**

**Year 3:** The World Around Us/ Family and Friends

**Year 4:** Relationships/
Town and Country

Year 5: Places

#### **Thematic Areas:**

Year 3: School Life/ Family and Friends

Year 4: Relationships

**Year 5:** School and Education

# Writing an informal email

#### What is an informal email?

The writing of an informal email is featured across Level 5 in Year 3 and Year 4 and across Level 6 in Year 5. Word length varies per year.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
50-70 words	70-100 words	100-140 words

An informal electronic mail or email is a message exchanged between people who know each other well using electronic devices. Therefore, learners should know how to write an email address. Emails are written for a specific reason such as to:

- give/ask for advice/help
- give/ask for news
- give/ask for information
- apologise
- thank someone
- narrate
- describe
- congratulate
- invite
- accept/refuse an invitation
- make suggestions
- give instructions
- give directions

Emails should have a word, phrase or brief sentence written in the 'Subject' section to determine what the email is about. Like letters, emails should consist of an introduction in which you greet the person, refer to the last email and explain why you are writing, a main body consisting of one, two or three paragraphs and a conclusion in which you sum up your email, give your regards and ask the receiver to write back.

# Reference to LOs

When writing an informal email, learners are mainly working to achieve these Learning Outcomes:

Year 3		
W5.9	I can write a paragraph appropriately for an audience and with a purpose.	
W5.12	I can make a text more interesting or more relevant to me by changing the vocabulary.	
W5.14	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.	
Year 4	<u> </u>	
W5.2	I can, at an elementary level, use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the purpose of a text.	
W5.4	I can, with support, edit and revise my written work.	
W5.6	I can use words to achieve effects in my writing.	
W5.7	I can express my opinions in writing on a range of topics.	
W5.8A	I can participate in writing for a range of purposes and write in some genres.	
W5.11	I can add detail and interest to basic sentence structures in a variety of ways.	
W5.15	I can organise my ideas into a clear, cohesive and coherent paragraph.	
Year 5		
WR6.2	I can use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the purpose of a text.	
WR6.4	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.	
WR6.5	I can revise and edit work with minimal support.	
WR6.7	I can use words to achieve effects in my writing and use a range of vocabulary and expressions that set specific moods and depict scenes.	
WR6.9	I can participate in writing for a wide range of genre, audience and purposes (GAP).	
WR6.16	I can organise my ideas into clear, cohesive and coherent paragraphs sustained over an extended piece of writing.	

## Success Criteria for teachers

The following success criteria which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 26 (LOF Year 3), p. 24 (LOF Year 4) and p. 34 (LOF Year 5) can be used by teachers when assessing an informal email:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria	
Learners wrote the recipient's email and filled in	Organisation and Structure	
the 'Subject' section.		
Learners started the email with a greeting by	Organisation and Structure	
addressing the person who is receiving the email		
followed by a comma.		
Learners skipped a line and from under the comma		
wrote a brief introduction, skipped a line and wrote,	Organisation and Structure	
one, two or three paragraphs for the body, skipped		
a line and wrote a brief conclusion.		
Learners addressed the title and email subject (e.g.	Content and Relevance	
described, narrated, explained, informed ).		
Learners skipped a line, wrote a closing statement	Organisation and Structure	
like "Best regards", "Best wishes" or "Love" in the		
centre, followed by a comma.		
Learners skipped two lines and signed off the email.	Organisation and Structure	
Learners indented all the paragraphs.	Organisation and Structure	
Learners used correct spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation	

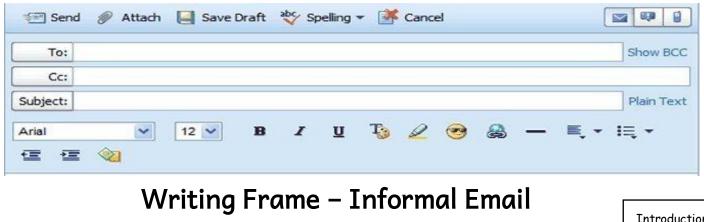
## Success criteria for learners

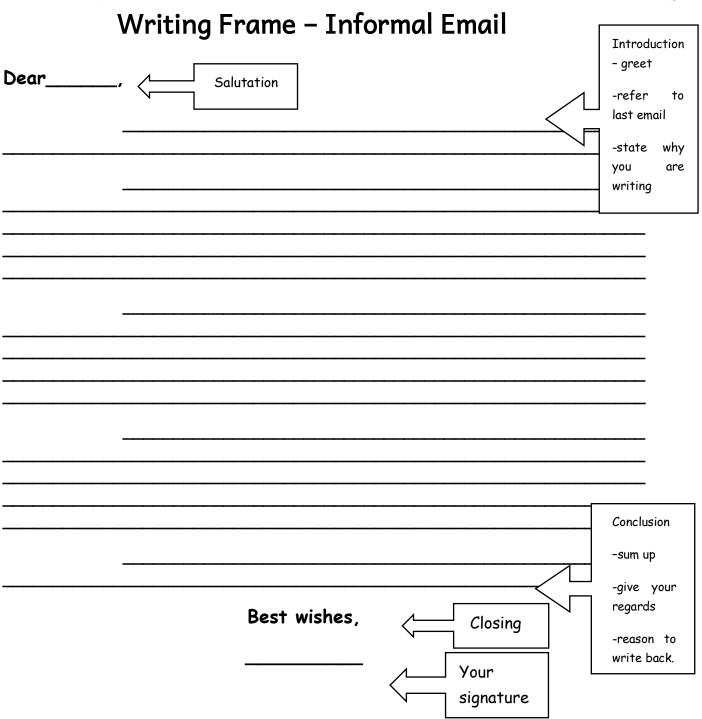
The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

# Writing an email



My email has an email address and a subject.
My email has a salutation "Dear" followed by the receiver's name
and a comma.
My introduction has $2/3$ sentences and consists of a greeting, a
reference to the last email and the reason why I am writing the email.
My email has a beginning, a middle and an ending.
My conclusion has 2/3 sentences, sums up my letter, sends my
regards and asks the receiver to write back.
I indented every paragraph.
I skipped a line between the salutation, the paragraphs and
the closing.
My email has a closing such as "Best regards", "Best wishes" or
"Love" followed by a comma.
I skipped two lines and signed off my email.
I used a friendly, chatty style of writing.
I asked questions throughout the email.
I used the first person 'I'.
My sentences begin with capital letters.
My sentences end with the correct punctuation marks.
I checked for spelling errors.
My email is neat and legible.



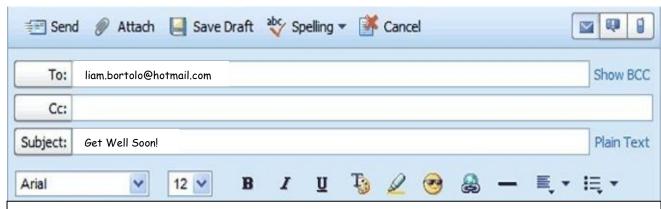


## Writing Model

You are Mike. Your <u>best friend Liam is sick</u> at home with chicken pox. Write an <u>email to</u> <u>tell him what you are doing at school and to wish him a speedy recovery.</u>

**Thematic Areas:** Year 4 - Relationships

Year 5 - Health and Fitness/School and Education



Dear Liam.

How are you? I am so sorry to hear that you are feeling under the weather and hope you are on the mend. I am writing to give you a quick update on what you are missing out on at school.

At school, we are learning fractions! They are really a piece of cake. We have finished an English project, which is a relief! We have now started preparing for the Christmas show which I am sure you will love. During break, we are making you a Get Well Soon card. Danny has designed it and I have coloured it in.

Liam, you will be happy to find out that we do not have any homework. Yippee! However, we are expected to study! I am eagerly waiting for tomorrow! I hope you have not forgotten our outing to Valletta. We are going to the Book Fair. I have been saving up my money to buy myself some books. I hope you are better, so you can join us.

I hope you will be back on your feet soon. Meanwhile, do let me know if I can be of any help or support. Send my regards to all your family especially that cute dog of yours.

Best wishes.

Mike

# **Suggested titles:**

Your friend Jack missed your birthday party. Write him an email to tell him how sorry you are and how your birthday party was.



Frozen 2 is going to be shown for the first time at the cinema next week. Write an email to your friend Tina and invite her to come and watch Frozen 2 with you.



You have moved to a new house. Email your cousin Jim, tell him about your new house and invite him for a sleepover.



#### **Thematic Areas:**

**Year 3:** Family and Friends/ Food and Drink

Year 4: Relationships/ Personal Stories and Adventures/Celebrations

Year 5: Feasts and Celebrations

### Thematic Areas:

Year 3: Family and Friends

Year 4: Personal Stories and Adventures

Year 5: Places

#### **Thematic Areas:**

Year 3: Family and Friends

Year 4: The Home/ Personal Stories and Adventures

Year 5: Places

# Writing a list

### What is a list?

The writing of a list features in Level 5 in Year 3. A list consists of several items or names written consecutively, typically one below the other and which all belong to a particular category. Lists are used to organise information, to provide structure, arrange things or ideas and are very easy to read and follow. They usually have a title.

#### Reference to LOs

When writing a list, learners are mainly working to achieve these Year 3 Learning Outcomes:

	Year 3
W5.1	I can write well-formed letters that are legible.
W5.9	I can write a paragraph appropriately for an audience and with a purpose.
W5.14	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.

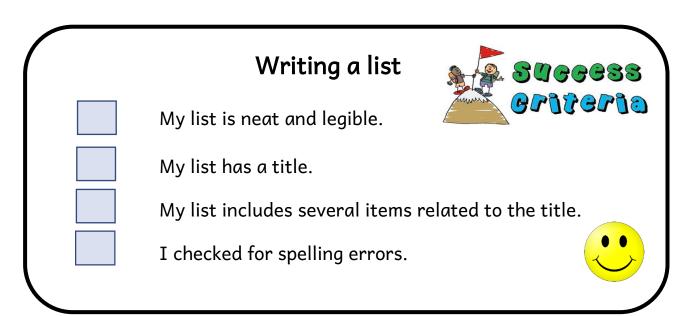
### Success Criteria for teachers

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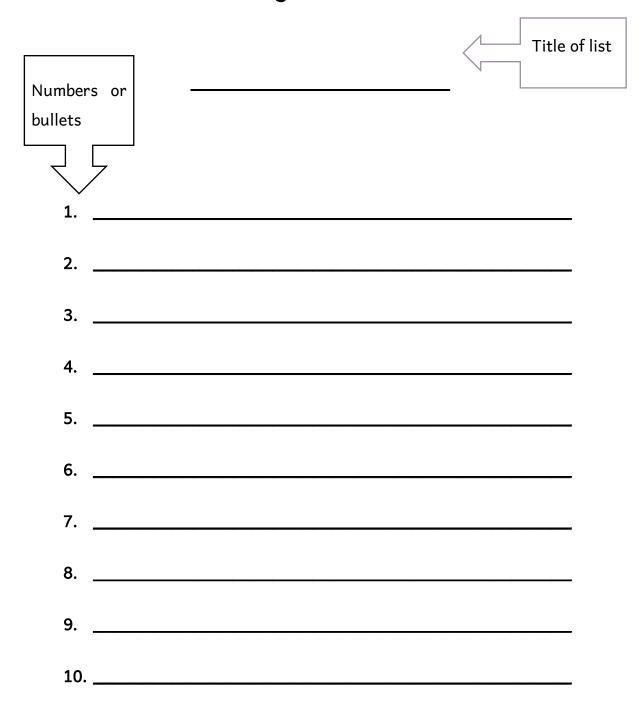
Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners included a title.	Content and Relevance
Learners included suitable vocabulary.	Vocabulary
Learners used correct spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

# Success Criteria for learners

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.



# Writing Frame - List



# **Writing Model**

The <u>P.E. teacher</u> asked you to make a <u>list</u> of sports equipment that you would like <u>the</u> <u>headmaster to buy for the school</u>. Write the list.

Thematic Area: Year 3 - Sports and Free Time

# P.E. equipment to buy 1. saucer cones 2. marking cones javelins 3. basket balls 4. tennis balls 5. 6. volleyballs footballs 7. handballs 8. 9. bibs 10. frisbees 11. relay batons 12. step hurdles 13. wooden bats 14. flat rings 15. tunnel 16. gym mat 17. hula hoops 18. parachute 19. basket balls 20. bean bags

# **Suggested titles:**

The teacher has asked you to make a list of endangered animals to publish it on the school magazine.

Thematic Area:

Year 3: Animals



You are going to go on holiday on an island in summer. Make a list of items that you need to pack.

Thematic Area:

Year 3: Clothes



You are in charge of grocery shopping this week. Make a list of groceries you need to buy.

Thematic Area:

Year 3: Food and Drink



# Writing a message

# What is a message?

The writing of a message is featured across Level 5 in both Year 3 and Year 4 and across Level 6 in Year 5. Word length varies per year.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
20-30 words	30-40 words	40-50 words

Messages can be written for different reasons and purposes such as to:

- give/ask for advice/help
- give/ask for news
- give/ask for information
- apologise
- thank someone
- narrate
- describe

- congratulate
- invite
- accept/refuse an invitation
- make suggestions
- give instructions
- give directions

Messages are brief and to the point. They should consist of a greeting, the reason/s why you are writing and a closing.

#### Reference to LOs

When writing a message, learners are mainly working to achieve these Learning Outcomes:

Year 3	
W5.9	I can write a paragraph appropriately for an audience and with a purpose.
W5.14	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.
Year 4	
W5.2	I can, at an elementary level, use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the purpose of a text.
W5.4	I can, with support, edit and revise my written work.

W5.6	I can use words to achieve effects in my writing.
W5.8	I can participate in writing for a range of purposes and write in some
	genres.
W5.15	I can organise my ideas into a clear, cohesive and coherent paragraph.
Year 5	
WR6.2	I can use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the
	purpose of a text.
WR6.4	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it
	accurately.
WR6.5	I can revise and edit work with minimal support.
WR6.9	I can participate in writing for a wide range of genre, audience and
	purposes (GAP).

### Success criteria for teachers

The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 26 (LOF Year 3), p. 24 (LOF Year 4) and p. 34 (LOF Year 5) can be used by teachers when assessing a message:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners addressed the title (e.g. described,	Contact and Dalayana
narrated, explained, informed ).	Content and Relevance
Learners wrote a clear and to the point message.	Content and Relevance
Learners used the right greeting and closing.	Organisation and Structure
Learners skipped a line between the salutation, the	
message and the closing and two lines between the	Organisation and Structure
closing and their name.	
Learners used suitable vocabulary.	Vocabulary
Learners used appropriate language and correct	L annua III a
grammar.	Language Use
Learners used good spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

Writing a message	a Success
My message starts with a salutation 'Hi' or 'Dear' follow	ved by the name
of the recipient and a comma or just with the name of the	ne recipient.
I skipped a line between the salutation and the message	э.
My message is clear, focused and easy to understand.	
I used the first person 'I'.	
I used a friendly, chatty style of writing.	
I used the correct punctuation marks.	
My message has a closing such as 'From', 'Yours' or 'Lov	e' followed by a
comma or just the name.	
I skipped a line between the message and the closing.	
I signed off my message under the closing.	
I skipped two lines between the closing and my name.	V ASS
I checked for spelling errors.	
My message is neat and legible.	

# Writing Model 1: Thank You Message

Your friend got you a birthday present for your 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Write him/her a short message to say thank you.

Thematic Areas: Year 3 - Sports and Free Time

Year 4 - Hobbies and Leisure

Year 5 - Sports and Arts



# Hi Ellie,

I like the board game you got me for my birthday. I really like it because all the family can play it. Thank you so much. It was very kind of you.

From,

Hannah

# Writing Model 2: Sorry Message

You accidentally broke your <u>brother's</u> tablet. Write <u>a short message</u> to <u>say that you are</u> <u>sorry and to suggest what you can do until it is repaired</u>.

**Thematic Areas:** Year 3 – Family and Friends

Year 4 - Feelings and Emotions/Relationships

Year 5 - Personal Identifications and Emotions

Hey Luke,

I'm terribly sorry I destroyed your tablet. It was an accident and I didn't mean to upset you. You can use mine until it is repaired. Hope it's ok!

Cheers,

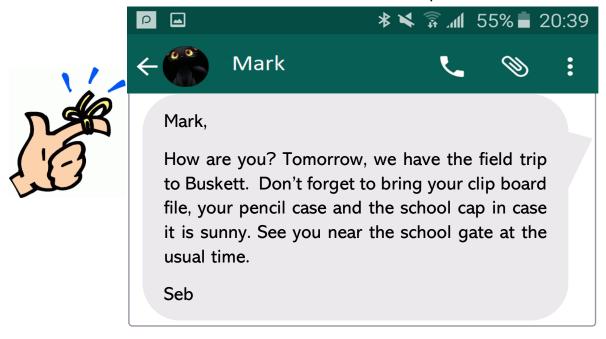
Jake



### Writing Model 3: Message to remind someone

You are going on a field trip to Buskett with your classmates. Your teacher asked you to **bring a clip board file, the pencil case and your cap**. Your friend Mark is not at school today. Write a **message** to **remind him to bring these things on the day of the field trip**.

**Thematic Areas:** Year 3 – School Life; Year 4 – Relationships; Year 5 – School and Education



# Writing Model 4: Message to inform

Your <u>neighbour</u> has agreed to take care of your pet while you are away on holiday. Write <u>a short message</u> to <u>inform her about how many times she needs to feed it.</u>

**Thematic Areas:** Year 3 – Animals/Family and Friends

Year 4 - Relationships

Year 5 - Personal Identification and Emotions



Dear Martha,

Thank you for agreeing to take care of my cat Rio while I'm away. Please do not feed him more than three times a day. You should feed him in the morning, in the afternoon and in the evening. Don't forget to refill his bowl with fresh water, too.

Love,

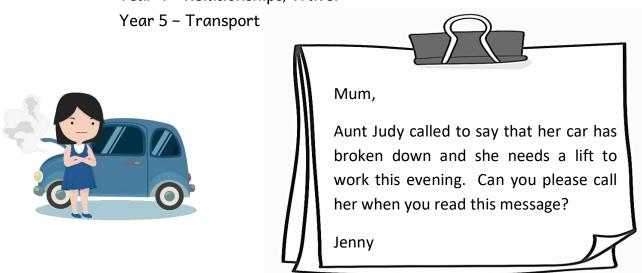
Mia

# Writing Model 5: Message to report a phone call

Your Aunt Judy called to see if your Mum can give her a lift to work as her car has broken down. You mum is not at home, so you take the call yourself. Write a <u>message</u> to <u>Mum</u> to <u>inform her about your Aunt's phone call</u>.

**Thematic Areas:** Year 3 – Transport/Family and Friends

Year 4 - Relationships/Travel



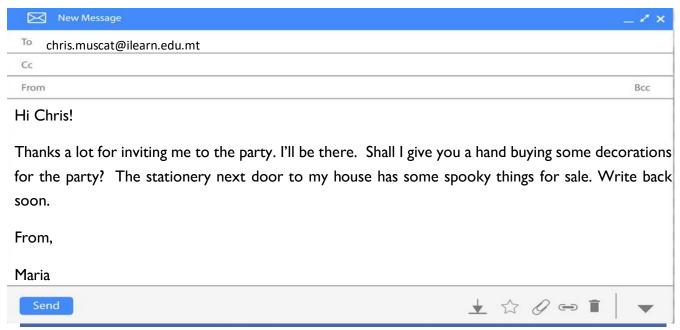
# Writing Model 6: Writing a message in an email

<u>Your friend Chris</u> has invited you to a special party which he is organising for Halloween. <u>Write an email to Chris</u>. <u>In your email, you should accept the invitation and suggest how you could help him prepare for the party.</u>

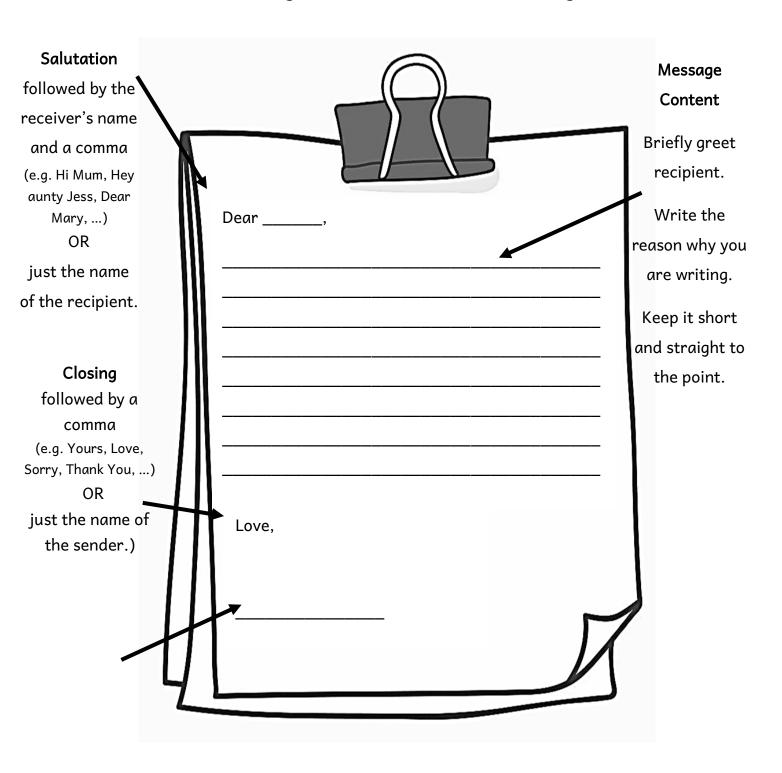
**Thematic Areas:** Year 3 – Family and Friends

Year 4 - Entertainment

Year 5 - Feasts and Celebrations



# Writing Frame - Short Message



### Suggested titles:

You're planning to go to the beach with your parents. Write an SMS to another friend, Mark. In the SMS:

- a) ask him to come to the beach
- b) tell him where to meet you
- c) tell him what to bring
- d) tell him how long you're staying.



#### **Thematic Areas:**

**Year 3:** Family and Friends/ Places and Directions

Year 4: Hobbies and Leisure

Year 5: Places

Your friend Andy has invited you to his Halloween Thematic Areas: party. Write a short note to Andy to say thank you and to explain why you can't go to the party.



**Year 3:** Family and Friends

Year 4: Celebrations

Year 5: Feasts and Celebrations

Your friend Thomas has invited you to his birthday Thematic Areas: party on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Write a message to your friend to thank him for the invitation and to let him Year 3: Family and Friends know that you are going.



Year 4: Celebrations

**Year 5:** Feasts and Celebrations

# Writing an invitation

### What is an invitation?

The writing of an invitation is featured across Level 5 in both Year 3 and Year 4. Invitations can be written for both informative and instructive purposes. An invitation usually follows a format as in the writing models provided. However, you might want learners to write an invitation in an email, letter or message. The following is an example.

It's your birthday next week and you're having a party. You want to invite your **friend**, **Lisa**. Write an **email** to **invite her to the party**. Tell her when it is, what she should bring and how to get there.

Word length varies according to the year group and genre.

#### Reference to LOs

When writing an invitation, learners should be working to achieve these Learning Outcomes:

Year 3	Year 4
	W5.2 I can, at an elementary level, use
WE O T can unite a nanaganah	appropriate format and features of
W5.9 I can write a paragraph	presentation to convey the purpose of
appropriately for an audience	a text.
and with a purpose.	W5.4 I can, with support, edit and revise my
	written work.
W5.12 I can make a text more	W5.8 I can participate in writing for a range
	of purposes and write in some genres.
interesting or more relevant to me by changing the	W5.11 I can add detail and interest to basic
vocabulary.	sentence structures in a variety of
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# Success criteria for teachers

The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 26 (LOF Year 3) and p. 24 (LOF Year 4), can be used by teachers when assessing an invitation:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners included all the information that the recipient needs to know.	Content and Relevance
Learners used the proper greeting and ending, including an RSVP.	Organisation and Structure
Learners designed a neat invitation (unless it was written in a letter, email or message).	Organisation and Structure
Learners used suitable vocabulary.	Vocabulary
Learners used appropriate language and correct grammar.	Language Use
Learners used good spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

# Writing an invitation



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	My invitation starts with a greeting (e.g. Dear) followed by the name of the recipient and a comma.
	My invitation explains what the party is about and includes the date, the time, any special instructions (e.g. wear a costume) and an RSVP.
	My invitation has clear, focused and easy to understand sentences.
	My invitation ends with a closing (e.g. Yours) followed by a comma.
	I signed off my invitation.
	I used the first person 'I'.
	I used present tenses.
	My sentences begin with capital letters.
	My sentences end with the correct punctuation marks.
	I checked for spelling mistakes.
	My invitation is neat and legible.

# Writing Model 1: Invitation to a Birthday Party

It's your birthday next week and you are having a party. Design an <u>invitation</u> to <u>invite your friend Lisa</u> to your party. <u>Tell her when it is, what she should bring and how to let you know whether she can make it or not</u>.

**Thematic Areas**: Year 3 - Family and Friends/Relationships

Year 4 - Celebrations

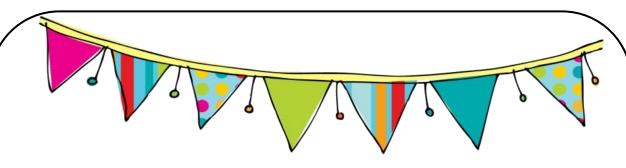


# Writing Model 2: Invitation to a School Event

Your school is taking part in the Save Our World Project. Design an <u>invitation</u> to <u>invite families to attend to this event</u>. Write when the event will be, where it will be held and write down any other information that your family needs to know.

Thematic Areas: Year 3 - The World Around Us

Year 4 - Celebrations/Environment/The World Around Us



# Invitation

Dear Family,

We have been working very hard in the Save our World Project. We are learning more about ways how we can protect our environment. We would like to share what we have learned with you.

Where: St Thomas Primary School, School Hall

When: Friday 14th March at 1:00pm

**RSVP**: Send an email to stthomasprimary@ilearn.edu.mt

by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Entrance is free, but any donations are welcome.



# Writing Frame - Invitation

	You are invited to celebrate	
		· · · · ·
Time:		
About the	e celebration:	
RSVP:		
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# **Suggested titles:**

Design an invitation for a friend in which you invite Thematic Areas: him/her to a sleepover party at your house. Include what time the party will start and activities that you Year 3: Family and Friends have planned.

**Year 4:** Relationships

Your class is organising a fund-raising activity for Thematic Areas: animal shelters. Design an invitation to be sent out to parents. In your invitation include date, time and place, Year 3: School Life/ Animals what kind of activities there will be, and say what the class will do with the money raised.

Year 4: Celebrations



Write an invitation to your classmates announcing the **Thematic Areas:** school's Sports Day. In your invitation:

- include date and place
- include a list of the sporting events
- ask children to help



Year 3: School Life/ Sports and Free Time

Year 4: Celebrations/ Hobbies and Leisure

# Writing a set of instructions

### What are instructions?

This genre features across Level 5 in both Year 3 and Year 4 and Level 6 in Year 5. When writing a set of instructions, it is important that learners show that they can inform or instruct by using the correct sequence and by giving examples, details and explanations to describe the steps of a process. Illustrations might be used to further support the reader. Instructions usually are short writing tasks and follow a format as in the writing frames and models provided. However, learners can write instructions in letters, emails or messages as in the following example:

Today, your friend Ella left school early because she was unwell. She missed an interesting Science experiment. Write an email to tell her about the Science experiment and to explain how she could carry out the experiment at home.

Word length varies per year and genre.

### Reference to LOs

When writing instructions, learners are mainly working to achieve the following Learning Outcomes:

Year 3	
W5.9	I can write a paragraph appropriately for an audience and with a purpose.
W5.14	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.
W5.16	I can write instructions to explain the steps of a process.
Year 4	
W5.2	I can, at an elementary level, use appropriate format and features of
	presentation to convey the purpose of a text.
W5.4	I can, with support, edit and revise my written work.
W5.6	I can use words to achieve effects in my writing.
W5.8C	I can participate in writing for a range of purposes and write in some genres.

W5.11	I can add detail and interest to basic sentence structures in a variety of
	ways.
Year 5	
WR6.2	I can use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the purpose of a text.
WR6.4	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.
WR6.5	I can revise and edit work with minimal support.
WR6.9	I can participate in writing for a wide range of genre, audience and purposes (GAP).

# Success criteria for teachers

The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 26 (LOF Year 3), p. 24 (LOF Year 4) and p. 34 (LOF Year 5) can be used by teachers when assessing a set of instructions:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners wrote short, clear instructions.	Content and Relevance
Learners included the title (unless they were written in a letter, email or message).	Organisation and Structure
Learners wrote a list of ingredients and/or equipment (unless they were written in a letter, email or message).	Organisation and Structure
Learners wrote numbered or bulleted instructions (unless they were written in a letter, email or message).	Organisation and Structure
Learners used diagrams/drawings to support the text.	Organisation and Structure
Learners used appropriate vocabulary such as sequencers (e.g. first, than) and adverbs (e.g. gently, carefully).	Vocabulary
Learners used verbs in the imperative mood.	Language Use
Learners used good spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

Writing a set of instructions
My instructions have a title.
My instructions have a list of ingredients/materials.
My instructions are easy to follow.
I used bullets or numbers for the instructions.
My instructions follow a sequence.
I used sequencers e.g. first, next, then
I used the imperative mood.
My instructions include drawings or diagrams.
My sentences begin with capital letters.
My sentences end with the correct punctuation marks.
I checked for spelling mistakes.
My instructions are neat and legible.

# Writing Model 1

Your teacher has asked you to <u>share a recipe with your classmates to make a class</u>

<u>Recipe Book</u>. <u>Fill in the ingredients</u> and <u>write a recipe for fruit kebabs</u>.

Thematic Areas: Year 3 – Food and Drink

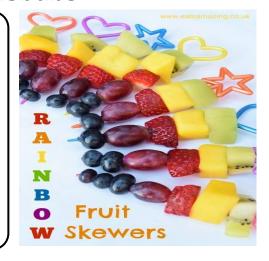
Year 4 - Hobbies and Leisure

Year 5 - Food and Drink

# **Rainbow Fruit Kebabs**

# Ingredients:

- 1 kiwi fruit (peeled and chopped)
- ½ mango (peeled and chopped)
- strawberries
- red grapes
- blueberries



### Method:

- 1. **First**, wash the strawberries, grapes and blueberries in cold water and pat dry.
- 2. **Next**, cut the tops off the strawberries and throw them away.
- Then, thread the fruit onto each skewer in this order: 1 kiwi, 1 mango, 1 strawberry, 1 red grape and 2 blueberries.
- 4. **Finally**, arrange in a rainbow shape and let everyone help themselves.

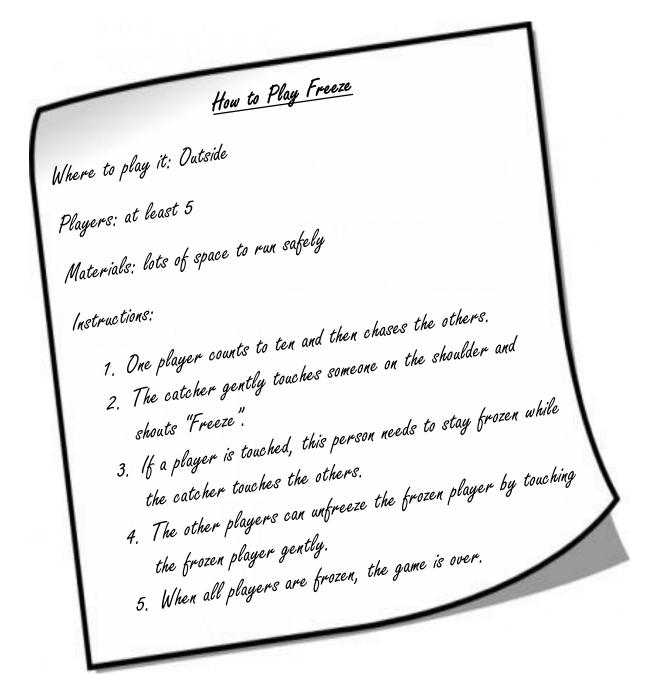
# Writing Model 2

A new boy/girl joined your classroom. At breaktime, you want to ask your new classmate to play with you. You need to explain to him/her how to play your favourite game. Write a list of instructions for him/her to follow.

Thematic Areas: Year 3 - School Life

Year 4 - Relationships/ Hobbies and Leisure

Year 5 - School and Education



# **Writing Frame - Instructions**

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# **Writing Frame - Instructions**

How to	
You will need	
1 First you	2 Then you
3 Next	4 Finally

# **Suggested titles:**

Your brother never tidies up his bedroom. Your mum Thematic Areas: has asked you to write down some instructions on how he can tidy up and keep his room clean. Write Year 3: The Home down a set of 5 to 6 instructions.



**Year 4:** Relationships



For Show and Tell you would like to present your Thematic Areas: favourite recipe called Easter Egg Nests. You have taken pictures of every step of the recipe. Write Year 3: Hobbies and Leisure/ down the instructions so that your friends can easily follow the recipe.

Celebrations

Year 4: Food and Drink

Year 5: Food and Drink



Your teacher wants to know what is your favourite Thematic Areas: game and how to play it. Write down the instructions so you can share them with your teacher and Year 3: Hobbies and Leisure classmates.

**Year 4:** Sports and Free Time

**Year 5:** Sports and Arts



# Writing a non-chronological report

## What is a non-chronological report?

Non-chronological reports feature in Year 4 (Level 5) and Year 5 (Level 6). Word length varies according to the year group, 70-100 words in Year 4 and 100-140 words in Year 5. A non-chronological report is a non-fiction report which is not written in time order. It is of an informative nature. It focuses on a single topic and includes various facts about this topic. Learners may be asked to write non-chronological reports about a country, animal, religion, planet or sport. Ideally, learners should start by analysing a range of reports and identifying the different features.

#### Reference to LOs

When writing non-chronological reports, learners should be working to achieve the following Learning Outcomes:

Year 4			
W5.2	I can at elementary level, use appropriate format and features of		
	presentation to convey the purpose of a text.		
W5.7	I can express my opinions in writing on a range of topics.		
W5.8C	I can participate in writing for a range of purposes and write in some genres.		
W5.11	I can add detail and interest to basic sentence structures in a variety of		
	ways.		
W5.15	I can organise my ideas into a clear, cohesive and coherent paragraph.		
	Year 5		
WR6.2	I can use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the		
	purpose of a text.		
WR6.4	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it		
	accurately.		
WR6.5	I can revise and edit work with minimal support.		
WR 6.7	I can use words to achieve effects in my writing and use a range of		
	vocabulary and expressions that set specific moods and depict scenes.		
WR6.9	I can participate in writing for a wide range of genre, audience and purposes		
	(GAP).		

WR6.16 I can organise my ideas into clear, cohesive and coherent paragraphs sustained over an extended piece of writing.

## Success Criteria for teachers

The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 24 (LOF Year 4) and p. 34 (LOF Year 5), can be used by teachers when assessing a non-chronological report:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners included a title.	Organisation and Structure
Learners wrote a clear introduction that explains the topic of the report.	Content and Relevance
Learners organised the information into paragraphs with sub-headings.	Organisation and Structure
Learners wrote a brief conclusion to summarise the report.	Content and Relevance.
Learners included labelled diagrams, glossary, images with captions, fact boxes and/or bullet point lists.	Organisation and Structure
The report was neat and well presented.	Organisation and Structure
Learners used technical vocabulary.	Vocabulary
Learners used the third person or formal tone.	Vocabulary
Learners used present tenses (unless the report was historical).	Vocabulary
Learners used words to explain further points (e.g. so, because, also, when, which).	Language Use
Learners used good spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

Writing a non-chronological report
My report has a title.
My report starts with an introduction which introduces the topic.
I organised the information into paragraphs.
My paragraphs have sub-titles.
The conclusion summarises the topic.
My report has pictures with captions.
My report has a fact box and a glossary.
I used the correct tenses.
I used the third person.
My sentences begin with capital letters.
My sentences end with the correct punctuation marks.
I checked for spelling errors.
My report is neat and legible.

# Writing Model 1

You have read the poem The Crocodile by Roald Dahl. Write <u>a report</u> about this crocodile <u>to tell your classmates about it</u>.

Thematic Area: Year 4 - Environment

Year 5 - The Natural World and Wildlife

## Crocky-Wock Factfile

Imagine a revolting, horrifying beast that can eat a whole child in less than ten seconds flat. This beastie is an unusual type of crocodile due to its sheer deadliness and sneakiness. This creature is none other than Crocky-Wock — nature's perfect snapping machine.

### Appearance:

Crocky-Wock is the ugliest of all crocodiles. He has scales
as thick as steel and he is green, slimy, greasy and slippery. His teeth are as sharp as daggers and
they can slice through juicy children very easily. Unbelievably, Crocky-Wock measures in at a
staggering six metres!

#### Habitat:

Crocky-Wock lives in sewers because he prefers dark, smelly climates. Interestingly, he can also be found in rivers and swamps. These hideaways provide a perfect place for him to attack unsuspecting children. However — beware! Crocky-Wock also likes hiding under beds, under blankets and even in the bin!

#### Diet:

It will come as no surprise to you to learn that the Crocky-Wock is a carnivore who loves to eat children owing to their tender, juicy meat.

#### Fun factl

Did you know that Crocky-Wock can cover the length of a football pitch in under 30 seconds due to his muscular, speedy legs?

#### Behaviour:

Crocky-Wock can often be found running around the park, weightlifting cars, swimming in swamps and even chasing children. He needs to have a high level of fitness so that he can catch his prey swiftly and easily. Children are especially fast and energetic, this means Crocky-Wock needs to be one step ahead.

So if you're looking for a fine hunter, who is both unusual looking and ferocious, then look no further than Crocky-Wock. He is truly nature's most terrifying predator.

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## Writing Model 2

You have been investigating Endangered Animals in Science. Last week you had a visitor in class who spoke to you about Barn Owls. The teacher has asked you to write a <u>report</u> <u>about this endangered animal</u>. The report will <u>be published in the school magazine</u>.

Thematic Area: Year 4 - Environment

Year 5 - The Natural World and Wildlife

## The Barn Owl

#### Introduction:

The barn owl is a bird of prey. It is a nocturnal animal.



## Description:

The barn owl has brown speckles, white wings and a white belly. Its face is like a plate which is used as a satellite dish. The sound bounces off. It has tiny feet and sharp claws because it has to pick up its prey.

#### Habitat:

The barn owl lives in barns, trees and chimneys. It does not make nests.

## **Interesting Facts:**

Did you know that the barn owl can fly very fast and low? Its prey does not hear it coming. This bird is endangered because trees are being destroyed, farms have decreased and winters are harsher. Barn owls eat rats. People poison the rats and thus kill the barn owls.

#### Conclusion:

This countryside bird with a heart-shaped face is much loved and admired. It's a pity that barn owls are becoming rare to find and see.

## Writing Model 3

You have been researching about ways to stay healthy. Write a <u>report</u> about <u>all the facts</u> <u>that you have learned.</u> The report will be <u>published on the school website.</u>

Thematic Area: Year 4 - Hobbies and Leisure

Year 5 - Health and Fitness

## Let's Keep Healthy

Introduction: Have you ever wondered about different ways how you can live a healthy life? Read on to find out more.

Exercise: Exercise such as jogging, running and playing outdoors helps to keep our body healthy. It helps us keep the right body weight.



Sleep: Children need around ten to eleven hours of sleep every day. Did you know that teachers can tell if pupils had a good rest or not?

Healthy Food and Hygiene: Before we eat healthy food, we need to wash our hands to wash away any germs. We need to eat more fruit and vegetables as these help us grow.

Great Tip: Choose water for a drink! Drink plenty of water when the weather is warm.



## **Writing Frame**

Title/Subject	
General Introduction	Introduce the subject.
	Who? What?
	When? Where?
Paragraph 1	Write about
	different aspects in
	each paragraph.
	· Information
David amanda 2	· Interesting facts
Paragraph 2	· Technical
	vocabulary
	· Descriptions
Paragraph 3	If needed include
	pictures or
	diagrams.
	Summarise.
Conclusion	Recap key facts.
Conclusion	Ask a question.
	Give an opinion



# Fact File

Name:	
Introduction:	Picture:
Appearance:	
Behaviour:	Habitat:
Did you know?	Diet:
Other Interesting Fact:	Conclusion:

## Writing Frame - Non-Chronological Report

Title			
General Introduction (What will the report be about?)			
Subheading Paragraph 1		Picture	
Subheading Paragraph 2	F	Facts	
Subheading Paragraph 3			
Conclusion		Glossary	

## Suggested titles:

Think of ONE television programme you have Thematic Areas: watched lately and that you really liked. Write about it so that other children your age can decide Year 4: Hobbies and whether they would like to watch it next time.

You can use the following to help you: name of programme, what it was about, if it was exciting, scary, interesting, funny, what you liked best about it and why, why other people should watch it next time...



Leisure/Entertainment/ Communication and Technology

Year 5: Media

Which country would you like to visit? Write a report about it and share it with your classmates.

The below keywords can help you: population, landscape, currency, capital city, major cities, popular landmarks, customs and traditions, typical food

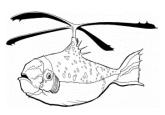


**Thematic Areas:** 

**Year 4:** Town and Country/Travel

Year 5: Places

Here is a picture of a newly called discovered fish Helifish. Write an information report for a website which explains the following:



how the Helifish was discovered, what the creature looks like, where it is found, what it eats, how it moves and whether it is dangerous to humans.

Thematic Areas:

Year 4: Environment

Year 5: The Natural World and Wildlife

# Writing an advert

#### What are adverts?

The writing of an advert features across Level 5 in Year 3 and Year 4. Word length varies per year, 20–30 words in Year 3 and 30–40 words in Year 4. Adverts can be of a descriptive or informative nature or used to persuade someone to buy a product or a service. Adverts use short, catchy sentences to make people want to buy something. Persuasive language and exaggerated adjectives are used as well as literary devices such as alliteration, rhyme and word play. Adverts can focus on a sense such as taste and use humour to make you like the product or service. Adverts may include a rhetorical question, a catchy slogan and carefully chosen positive words to appeal to the reader. Adverts can include positive comments made by customers or popular persons.

#### Reference to LOs

When writing adverts, learners should be working to achieve the following Learning Outcomes:

Year 3	Year 4		
W5.9 I can write a paragraph appropriately for an audience and with a purpose.	W5.2 I can, at an elementary level, use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the purpose of a text.  W5.4 I can, with support, edit and revise my written work.		
W5.12 I can make a text more	W5.6 I can use words to achieve effects in my writing.		
interesting or more relevant to me by changing the vocabulary.	W5.8D I can participate in writing for a range of purposes and write in some genres.		
	W5.11 I can add detail and interest to basic sentence structures in a variety of ways.		

W5.14	Ι	can	use	resources	to	help	me
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	pr	ese	nt it	accurately	<i>/</i> .		

W5.15 I can organise my ideas into a clear, cohesive and coherent paragraph.

## Success criteria for teachers

The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 26 (LOF Year 3) and p. 24 (LOF Year 4), can be used by teachers when assessing an advert:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners addressed the title (e.g. described, informed	Content and Relevance
or persuaded).	
Learners included the name of the	Content and Relevance.
product/service/place in their title.	
Learners skipped a line between the title and the paragraph.	Organisation and Structure
Learners described the benefits of the product/service/place.	Content and Relevance
Learners included a catchy slogan to make the product/service/place sound interesting and exciting.	Language Use
Learners used adjectives and adverbs to make the advert more interesting.	Vocabulary
Learners used the imperative mood.	Language Use
Learners used positive language, exaggeration and	
rhetorical questions to appeal to the senses and make	Language Use
the product/service/place sound appealing.	
Learners used good spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

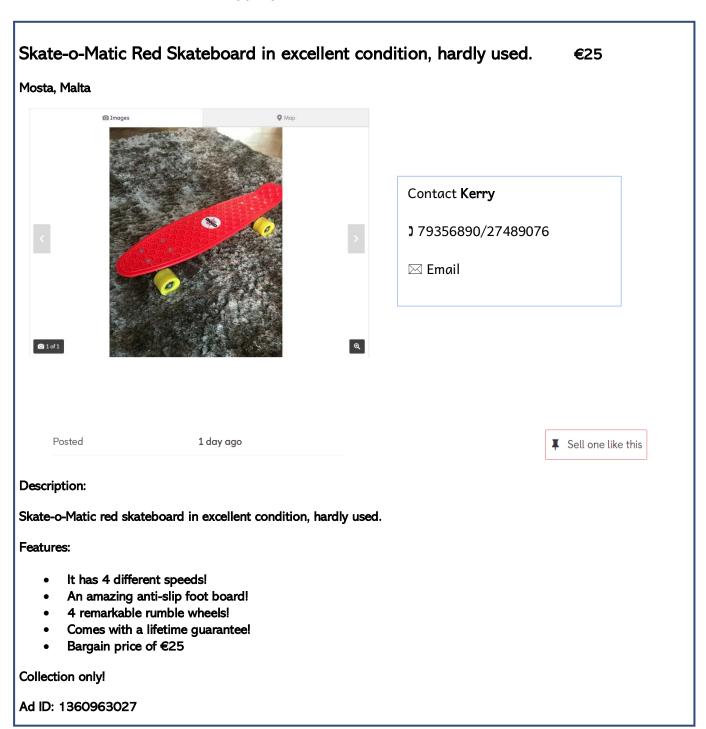
Writing an advert
My advert has a title.
My advert has a catchy slogan.
My advert has a great opening sentence which grabs the reader's attention.
My closing sentence includes a strong recommendation and a reason to convince the reader.
I used bossy verbs, convincing words and effective adjectives in the superlative.
I included rhetorical questions.
My advert includes all the important information about the service, place or product.
My sentences begin with capital letters.
My sentences end with the correct punctuation marks.
I checked for spelling errors.
My advert is neat and legible.

## Writing Model 1: Advert to persuade

You have a skateboard which you do not use anymore. You decide to sell it online. Write an online advert to persuade other skateboarders or parents to buy it.

Thematic Areas: Year 3 - Sports and Free Time

Year 4 - Shopping and Services



## Writing Model 2: Advert to describe

An estate agent needs to write a <u>description of the Twits' house</u> to <u>sell it to a new buyer</u>. Help him write <u>an advert</u> by <u>describing the house and its surrounding garden.</u>

Thematic Areas: Year 3 - The Home/Places and Directions

Year 4 - Town and Country/Shopping and Services

## House for Sale



This unique house is situated in a quite location yet within minutes of the town centre. It boasts beautiful country views. It has a lovely garden, perfect for nature lovers and ideal for a large family who owns a pet. The garden comes complete with a good-sized shed. It is being sold fully furnished. The reduced price makes this property a real bargain. Will sell fast!

Bargain Price: €75,000 €65,000

Call Now: 79933201

## Writing Model 3: Advert to describe

An ice cream shop is asking children to come up with their very own ice cream flavours. You have come up with a special ice cream. Write an <u>advert of the ice cream</u> so the <u>shop</u> <u>might start selling it.</u>

Thematic Areas: Year 3 - Food and Drink

Year 4 - Shopping and Services

## FRUITY FIZZ POP



## Writing Frame – Advertisement

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	etorical question.	Choose positive adjectives.
	ces with the imperative.	Use adverbs.
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	oduct, picture of services re	ceived, map indicating location of t
e.g. picture of pro		

## Suggested titles:

Write and perform a 30 second radio advert to try to encourage children to visit the National Public Library in Floriana. Some information you can include in your advert:

- name of library
- location
- opening days and times
- what you can find



Thematic Areas:

**Year 3:** Places and directions

**Year 4:** Hobbies and Leisure/ Shopping and Services

Imagine you live in a castle and you need to recruit **Thematic Areas:** some people to work for you. Write a job advert for one of the following positions:

- cook
- gardener
- maid
- carpenter

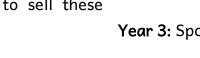


Year 3: Work

**Year 4:** Shopping and Services

You have a set of tennis rackets that you don't use Thematic Areas: anymore. Write an online advert to sell these rackets. Include details about:

- their colour
- who can use them (beginner, juniors or more advanced players)
- how long you've had them
- their condition
- your contact number or email



**Year 3:** Sports and Free Time

**Year 4:** Hobbies and Leisure/ Shopping and Services



# Writing a recount

#### What is a recount?

This genre features only in Year 3 and should be around 50 – 70 words long. A recount is a writing that retells or recounts an event or an experience in the past. Its purpose is either to inform or to entertain the audience. Events need to be written in chronological order and therefore the use of time conjunctions such as 'first', 'next', 'then' and 'later' is necessary.

#### Reference to LOs

When writing narrative recounts, learners are mainly working to achieve the following Learning Outcomes:

	Year 3
W5.9	I can write a paragraph appropriately for an audience and with a purpose.
W5.12	I can make a text more interesting or more relevant to me by changing the vocabulary.
W5.14	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.

#### Success criteria for teachers

The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 26 (LOF Year 3), can be used by teachers when assessing a recount:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners included details to add interest to the reader.	Content and Relevance
Learners included <i>When? Who? What? Where?</i> in the opening paragraph.	Organisation and Structure
Learners wrote events in chronological order.	Organisation and Structure
Learners used powerful verbs.	Vocabulary
Learners used time connecting words.	Language Use
Learners wrote in the past tense.	Language Use
Learners used good spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

Writing a recount
My opening paragraph includes When? Who? What? Where?
The events are in order.
I included details to add interest.
I used powerful verbs.
I used connecting words (e.g. First, Next, Then, After ).
I used the 5 senses to add adjectives and strong descriptions.
My sentences are in the past tense.
My sentences begin with capital letters.
My sentences end with the correct punctuation marks.
I checked for spelling errors.
My recount is neat and legible.

## Writing Model 1:

You <u>witnessed a road accident</u> while in the car with your family. Write a <u>recount</u> of the incident for the <u>classroom newspaper</u>.

Thematic Area: Year 3 - Transport

## A Road Accident

#### Introduction

Last Saturday morning, I was in the car with my family. We were driving towards the supermarket, when my dad had to stop at the roundabout.

## What happened first?

I was looking out of the window when I saw a motorcycle ram into the rear of a car. I was shocked to witness this accident and I gave a loud scream. My parents turned around to look at me and I pointed to the accident.

## What happened next?

The motorcyclist was injured and he was lying on the ground. The driver of the car got out of the car and rushed over to help the motorcyclist. Some pedestrians stopped to help too, and someone called an ambulance and the local police.

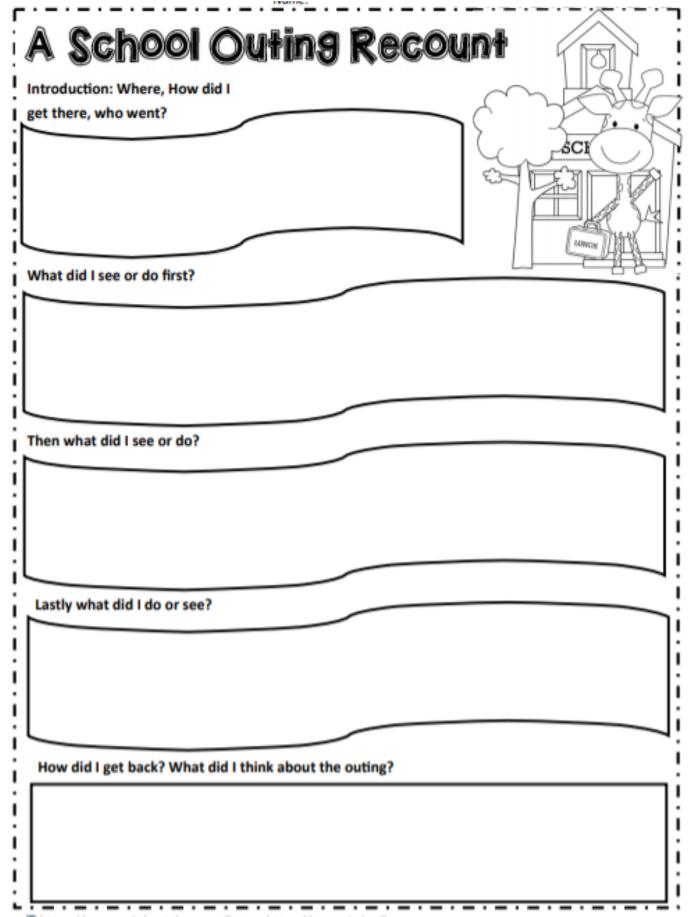
#### Conclusion

Luckily, no one was seriously hurt. Accidents like the one that happened today, can be easily avoided if we are more careful on the roads.

# Writing Frame – Recount

Title:
Introduction: This paragraph needs to sum up what happened, where, when and who was involved.
What happened first:
What happened next:
What happened after:
What is the present situation?

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## **Suggested titles:**

One wintry night a severe storm caused a lot of damage Thematic Area: to your parents' house. Describe what happened exactly and what damage was done. How did your family solve Year 3: The Home the situation?

You have witnessed a car accident. The police have asked **Thematic Area:** you to give them the details of what happened. Write a description of the accident. You can use some of the Year 3: Health/Transport following words in your writing:

boy, park, chasing a ball, loud screeching noise, driver, shocked, hurt, ambulance, broken leg



At school you have celebrated Healthy School Week. Thematic Area: Write a magazine article reporting on the events that took place at your school during this week.

Year 3: Health/School Life

Some of the activities and events that took place were:

- Keep Fit sessions for parents
- Fun Run
- Brain Gym for pupils
- morning exercise for pupils
- healthy eating snacks
- quest speakers: dentist/doctor



# Writing directions

#### What are directions?

This genre features across Level 5 in both Year 3 and Year 4 and in Level 6 in Year 5. When writing directions, it is important that learners show that they can inform or instruct by using the imperative mood and follow the correct sequence. Each sentence should be brief, specific and include one direction. Directions can be numbered or in point form as in the writing frames provided or written in the form of a paragraph in letters, emails or messages as in the following example:

You want to invite your **friend Sarah** for a play date at your house next Saturday. She has never been to your house. Write a **message** to **invite her** and **to give her directions to your house**.

Word length varies per year and genre.

#### Reference to LOs

When writing directions, learners are mainly working to achieve the following Learning Outcomes:

Year 3	
W5.9	I can write a paragraph appropriately for an audience and with a purpose.
W5.14	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.
W5.16	I can write instructions to explain the steps of a process.
Year 4	
W5.2	I can, at an elementary level, use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the purpose of a text.
W5.4	I can, with support, edit and revise my written work.
W5.6	I can use words to achieve effects in my writing.
W5.8C	I can participate in writing for a range of purposes and write in some genres.

W5.11	I can add detail and interest to basic sentence structures in a variety of
	ways.
Year 5	
WR6.2	I can use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the purpose of a text.
WR6.4	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.
WR6.5	I can revise and edit work with minimal support.
WR6.9	I can participate in writing for a wide range of genre, audience and purposes (GAP).

## Success Criteria for teachers

The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 26 (LOF Year 3), p. 24 (LOF Year 4) and p. 34 (LOF Year 5), can be used by teachers when assessing the writing of directions:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria	
Learners wrote short, clear directions.	Content and Relevance	
Learners wrote bulleted or numbered directions (unless they were included in a letter, email or message).	Organisation and Structure	
Learners wrote directions that follow a logical sequence.	Organisation and Structure	
Learners used appropriate vocabulary including adverbs (e.g. carefully, slowly) and connectives (e.g. first, then).	Vocabulary	
Learners used verbs in the imperative mood (e.g. go, turn, etc).	Language Use	
Learners used good spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation	

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

Writing directions
My directions are easy to follow.
My directions follow a logical sequence.
I used connecting words (e.g. first).
I used bullets or numbers.
I used drawings or diagrams.
I used verbs in the imperative mood.
My directions begin with a capital letter.
My directions end with the correct punctuation marks.
I have checked for spelling errors.
My directions are neat and legible.

### Writing Model 1:

You are at Funland Fun Park and you have the following map. You are waiting in line at the Roller Coaster Ride (3). Your friend Kurt, just arrived, and he is at The Gate (1). Write a message to your friend to give him/her directions to reach you.

**Thematic Areas:** Year 3 – Sports and Free Time/Places and Directions

Year 4 - Entertainment

Year 5 - Places





Hi! I'm at the Entrance. Where are you?

Hey! I was wondering if you were coming! Turn left onto Main Avenue. Then, walk past the Water Slide and the Petting Farm on your right. Keep going straight along Fun Street and you'll see The Roller Coaster on your left. I am waiting in line. Hurry!

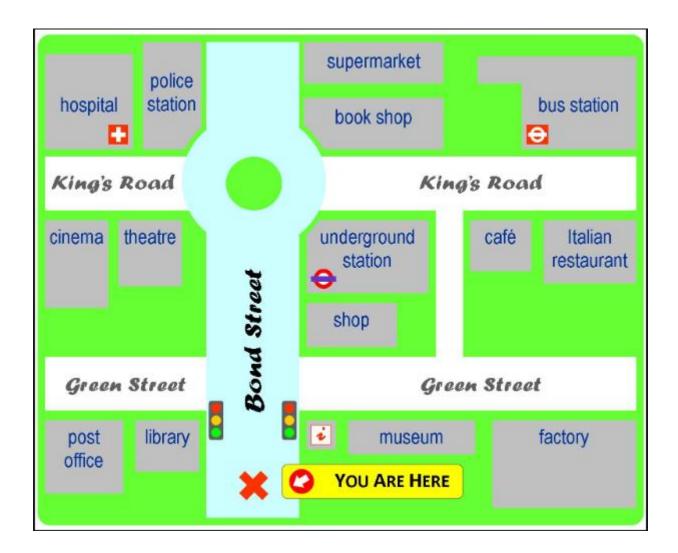
## Writing Model 2:

A <u>tourist</u> stops you in the street. He <u>needs to go to the bus station</u> and asks you for <u>directions</u>. Write down the directions for him.

**Thematic Areas:** Year 3 - Places and Directions

Year 4 - Town and Country

Year 5 - Places



- 1. Walk straight on along Bond Street and past Green Street.
- 2. Then, turn right into King's Road.
- 3. Keep walking straight on.
- 4. The bus station is on the left-hand side and past the bookshop.

## Writing Frame 1

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## Writing Frame 2

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#### **Suggested titles:**

You are at the bookstore. You suddenly remember that you **Thematic Areas:** have run out of food for your hamster. The sales assistant at the bookstore explains to you where the nearest pet shop Year 3: Places and is. Write down these directions so you do not forget them.



Directions/ Family and Friends

Year 4: Relationships

Year 5: Places

Your class is going to the Museum. Your friend John is going to come late to school because he has a hospital appointment. Write down the directions from the hospital to the Museum so he will join you at the outing.



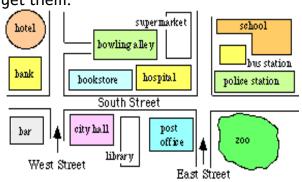
Thematic Areas:

Year 3: Hobbies and Leisure/ Celebrations

Year 4: Food and Drink

Year 5: Places

You are abroad and would like to visit the zoo. Ask a passer- Thematic Areas: by for directions. Write down the directions so you do not forget them.



Year 3: Hobbies and Leisure

Year 4: Sports and Free Time

Year 5: Places

# Designing a poster

#### What is a poster?

The designing of a poster features in Level 6 in Year 5. A poster includes pictures and text. A poster can serve many functions such as to inform, to explain, to describe and to persuade.

#### Reference to LOs

When designing a poster, learners should be working to achieve the following Learning Outcomes:

Year 5	
WR6.2	I can use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the purpose of a text.
WR 6.5	I can revise and edit work with minimal support.
WR6.4	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it accurately.
WR6.5	I can revise and edit work with minimal support.
WR 6.7	I can use words to achieve effects in my writing and use a range of vocabulary and expressions that set specific moods and depict scenes.
WR6.9	I can participate in writing for a wide range of genre, audience and purposes (GAP).

#### Success criteria for teachers

The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 34 (LOF Year 5), can be used by teachers when assessing a poster:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners addressed the title (e.g. described, persuaded, explained or informed).	Content and Relevance
Learners included a suitable, attention-grabbing heading.	Content and Relevance

	included	the	name	of	the	Content and Relevance
product/servi	ce/place.					
Learners o	lescribed	the	benefits	of	the	Content and Relevance
product/servi	ce/place.					Content and Relevance
Learners used	l suitable c	olours a	nd noticeab	le pict	ures.	Organisation and Structure
Learners inc	luded a	catchy	slogan to	make	the	l anguago Uso
product/servi	ce/place so	ound int	eresting an	d excit	ing.	Language Use
Learners us	ed short	to-the	e-point ph	rases	and	Languago Hao
sentences.						Language Use
Learners used adjectives and adverbs to make the						
product/servi	ce/place a <sub>l</sub>	opealing	).			Vocabulary
Learners used the imperative mood.  Language Use						
Learners used positive language, exaggeration and						
rhetorical questions to appeal to the senses and make				Language Use		
the product/service/place sound appealing.						
Learners used good spelling and punctuation.  Spelling and Punctuation				Spelling and Punctuation		

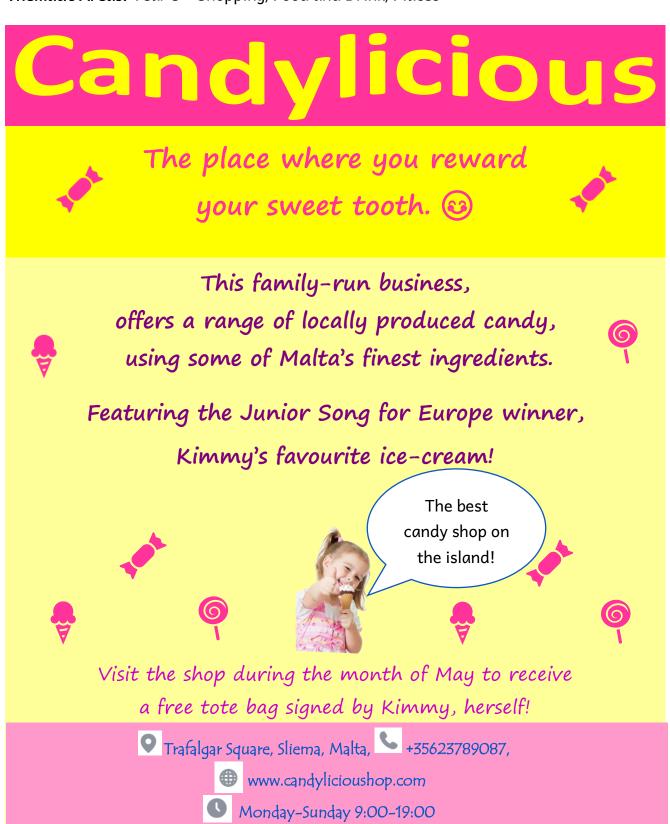
The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

Designing a poster
My poster is eye-catching.
I designed my poster carefully.
My poster has relevant and catchy pictures and/or drawings.
My poster has suitable colours.
My poster has a short, relevant title.
My poster has short, to-the-point phrases and sentences.
My poster has bullets and numberings.
My poster has a catchy slogan.
I used bossy verbs.
My sentences begin with capital letters.
My sentences and phrases end with the correct punctuation marks.
I checked for spelling errors.
My poster is neat and legible.

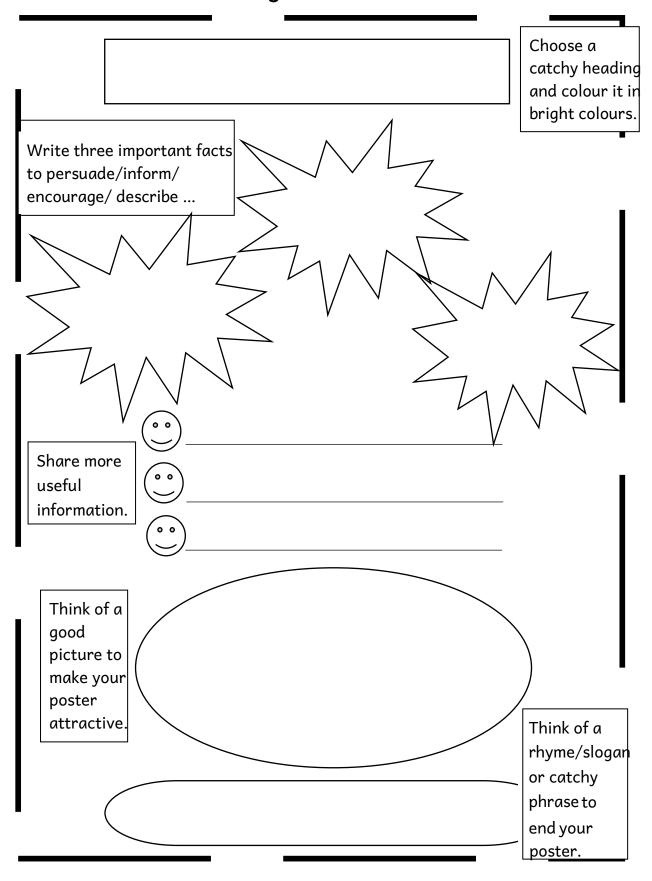
## **Writing Model**

Your family has opened a new candy shop in your village. Design and produce a <u>poster</u> to <u>persuade customers to visit your new shop</u>.

**Thematic Areas:** Year 5 – Shopping/Food and Drink/Places



## Writing Frame - Poster



## **Suggested titles:**

Your school is organising Healthy Lifestyle Week. Design a poster to inform pupils and parents about this event.

Thematic Areas:

**Year 5:** Health and Fitness/ Sports and Arts



At school you are learning about the history of TV. Thematic Area: Create a poster to inform your classmates about this invention.

Year 5: Media



The 19th of July, 2019, marks the 50th anniversary Thematic Area: since man's first walk on the moon. Design a poster to celebrate this anniversary. Share it with your Year 5: Space Travel classmates.



# Writing an opinion article

#### What is an opinion article?

The writing of an opinion article is featured in Level 6 in Year 5. Learners should write around 100-140 words. An opinion article should consist of an introduction, a main body consisting of three paragraphs and a conclusion. In the introduction learners should introduce the topic and express their point of view. In the body, learners should back up their point of view with valid reasons and explanations, acknowledge reasons that go against their opinion and counter back with more reasons to support their opinion. The conclusion should strengthen the learners' point of view.

#### Reference to LOs

When producing and designing a poster, learners should be working to achieve the following Learning Outcomes:

Year 5	
WR6.2	I can use appropriate format and features of presentation to convey the
	purpose of a text.
WR6.4	I can use resources to help me plan my written work and present it
	accurately.
WR 6.5	I can revise and edit work with minimal support.
WR6.9	I can participate in writing for a wide range of genre, audience and
	purposes (GAP).
WR6.16	I can organise my ideas into clear, cohesive and coherent paragraphs
	sustained over an extended piece of writing.

## Success criteria for teachers

The following success criteria, which are in line with the Marking Criteria for Writing on p. 34 (LOF Year 5), can be used by teachers when assessing an opinion article:

Success Criteria	Marking Criteria
Learners gave a general overview of the topic and stated their opinion in the introduction.	Content and Relevance
Learners supported their opinion with at least three	Content and Relevance
valid reasons in the first body paragraph.	Vocabulary
Learners provided at least three reasons which go	Content and Relevance
against their opinion in the second body paragraph.	Vocabulary
Learners provided further reasons to support their point	Content and Relevance
of view in the third body paragraph.	Vocabulary
Learners gave a general overview of the topic and one last strong reason supporting their point of view in the conclusion.	Content and Relevance Vocabulary
Learners used the first person and the present tense.	Language Use
Learners used suitable sentence starters to introduce,	Language Use
develop, admit counter arguments and conclude.	Vocabulary
Learners indented every paragraph and skipped a line between each paragraph.	Organisation and Structure
Learners used good spelling and punctuation.	Spelling and Punctuation

The following success criteria can be used by learners to self-assess their work.

Writing an opinion article
My opinion article starts with an introduction which is focused on the topic.
My opinion is written in the introduction.
My first body paragraph has (at least) three reasons that support my opinion.
My second body paragraph has (at least) three reasons that go against my opinion.
My third body paragraph has more reasons that support my opinion.
My conclusion summarises the topic.
My conclusion includes a strong reason that supports my opinion.
My opinion article has sentence starters that develop and support my opinion.
I used the present tense.
I used the first person 'I'.
My sentences begin with capital letters.
My sentences end with the correct punctuation marks.
I checked for spelling errors.
I skipped a line between each paragraph.
I indented every paragraph.
My opinion article is neat and legible.

#### **Writing Model**

In your opinion, <u>is homework necessary for pupils</u>? Write an <u>opinion article</u> to share with your <u>classmates</u>. Support your opinion with valid reasons.

Thematic Area: Year 5 - School and Education

Many hold different opinions regarding homework. Not everyone sees homework as helpful. On the other hand, I think that homework is very important and necessary for my development.

Firstly, when I am doing my homework, I am revising at my own pace what I learned at school. Therefore, homework allows me to review what I covered. Another reason why I believe homework is important is that it helps me develop good study habits. Without doubt, homework, helps me to become more responsible because I have to work out tasks and meet deadlines. This will prepare me for when I grow older and start working.

On the other hand, many argue that pupils spend a lot of time, seated at school. They believe that when they go home, pupils should rest and spend their free time exercising and pursuing their interests. Furthermore, some argue that homework is very time-consuming. Although it is true, that homework is a form of revision, sometimes it is merely a repetition of the same or similar exercises done in class. Thus, homework can become a boring task.

Nonetheless, I still believe that homework is a must. Homework allows my parents to know what was covered in class. My parents can go through my work and support me where necessary. In addition to that, homework extends my knowledge and sparks my enthusiasm for learning. For example, sometimes the teacher asks us to carry out research on a topic at home and to share the findings with the rest of the class.

For these reasons, I believe that homework is necessary. Whenever I complete my homework I feel a sense of achievement. I like homework!



#### Writing Frame – Opinion Article

	Introduction
I thinkis I have sever	al State your point of
reasons to support my point of view.	view in the
reasons to support my point of view.	introduction.
Firstly,	Body 1
	Give several reasons
I strongly believe	to support your
	point of view.
The most compelling reason is	
Although it is true that	Body 2
	6. (
Unfortunately, it may be the case that	Give a few reasons which support the
	opposite point of
A dissist a dis.	— view.
Admittedly,	
-	
Nevertheless,	Body 3
Despite	State a few more reasons that
In fact,	reasons that support your point
	of view.
	L
	Conclusion
Overall, I think is is	Ctrongthon
	Strengthen your point of view by
	giving a final reason.

#### **Suggested titles:**

In your opinion, which is the most useful means of transport? Write an opinion article for your school blog. Give various reasons.

Thematic Area:

**Year 5:** Transport



In your opinion, which is the most popular means of Thematic Area: communication with older children, the tablet or the mobile phone? Write an opinion article to share it with Year 5: Media your classmates. Support your opinion using valid reasons.



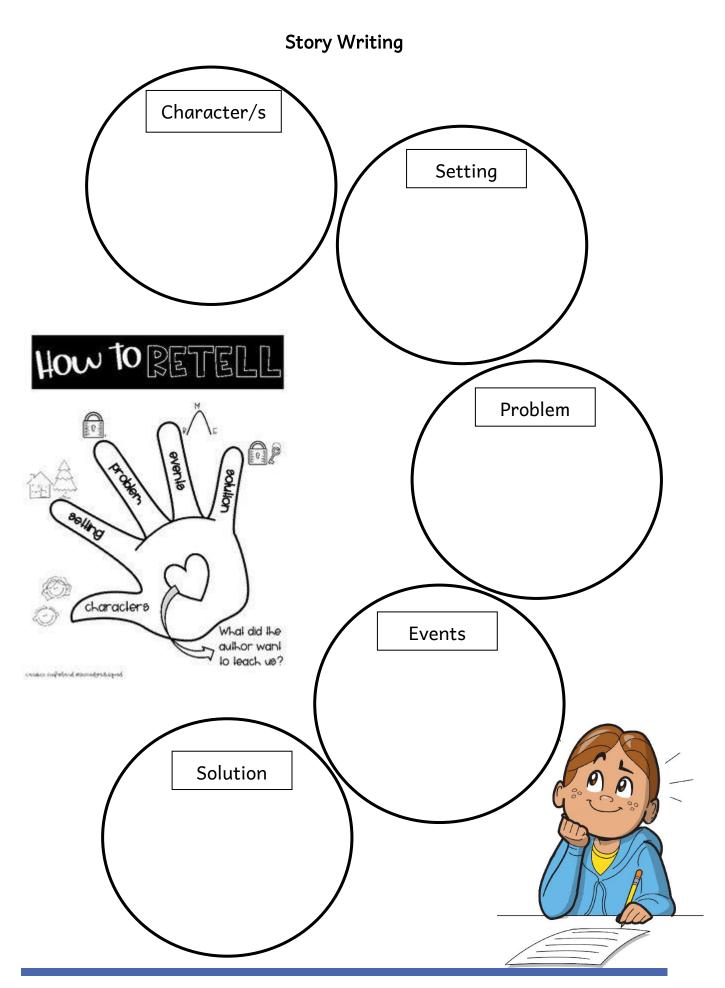
In your opinion, is online shopping better than Thematic Area: shopping in shops? Write an opinion article to express your point of view. Include several reasons to support Year 5: Shopping your point of view.



### **Graphic Organisers**

#### **Opinion Article**

Title:	
What is your opinion?	
For:	Against:
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
Conclusion:	



#### WH questions

What?	
Where?	
When?	
Why?	
Who?	
How?	



#### **Story Writing**

#### Beginning

Who is in the story? Where and when is it happening?



#### Middle

What happens to the characters? What is the problem?



#### Ending

What happened at the end? How do they solve the problem? What lesson do the characters learn?





#### **Story Writing**

#### CHARACTERS

Who are they? What will they be like?

#### SETTINGS

Which words will you use to describe the setting and the surroundings?

#### **OPENING**

How will you set some scenes and introduce the characters?

#### BUILD UP

How will you change the atmosphere?

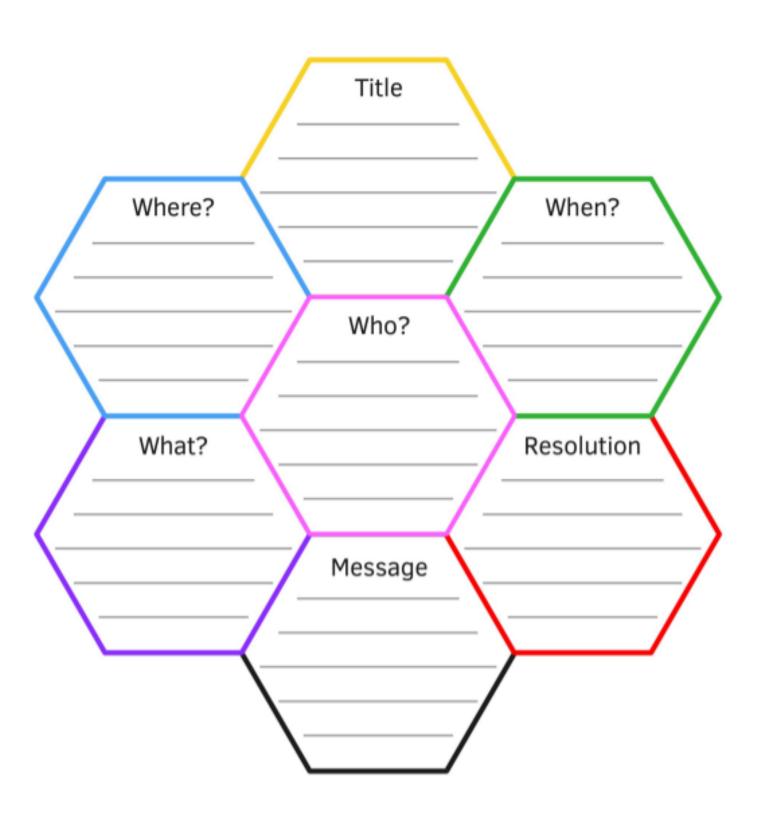
#### MAIN EVENT

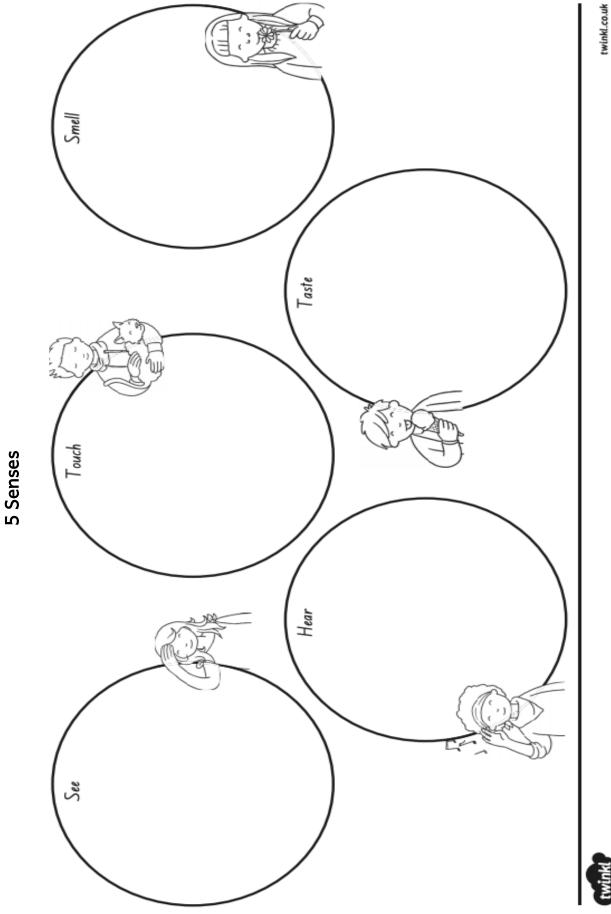
What will happen? How will the characters feel?

#### **ENDING**

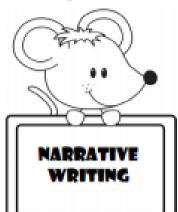
How will the story end? How will everyone feel?

#### **Story Writing**





### My Narrative Writing Plan



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Who are the characters?

What will happen to the characters?

Setting: Describe when and where the story takes place:

The Plot: What happens and in what order?

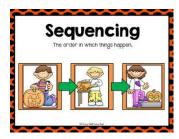
Beginning and how you catch the reader's attention:

Middle a build up to a problem and how it's resolved:

Ending that satisfies the reader:

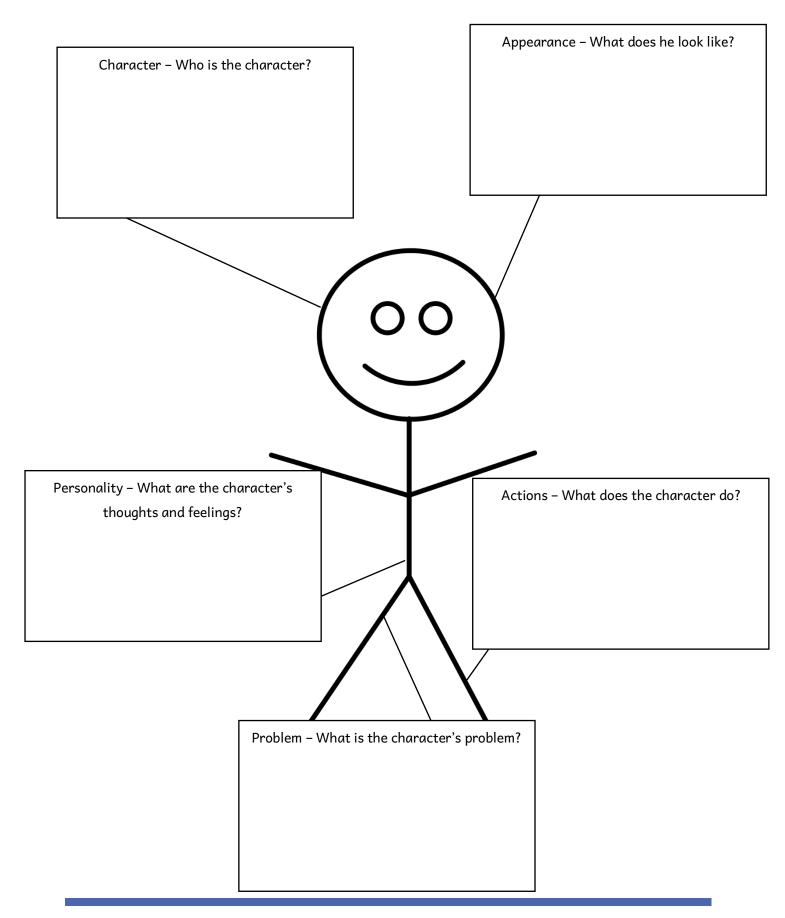
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#### Sequence Writing

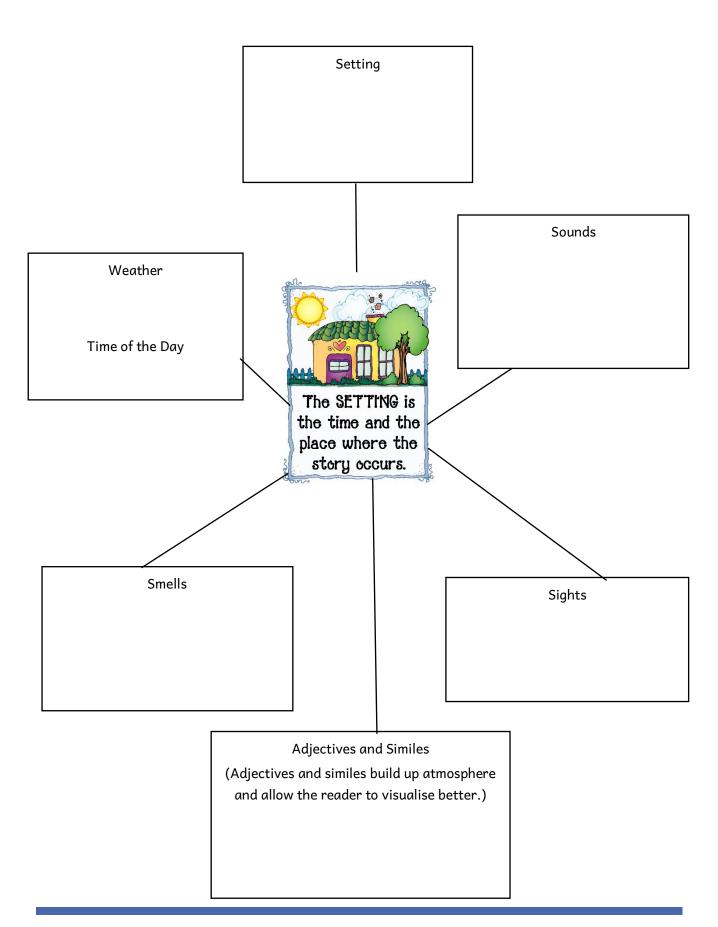


Event 1	Event 2
<u>First</u>	First
Next	Next
Then	Then
Last	Last

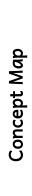
#### Creating a Character

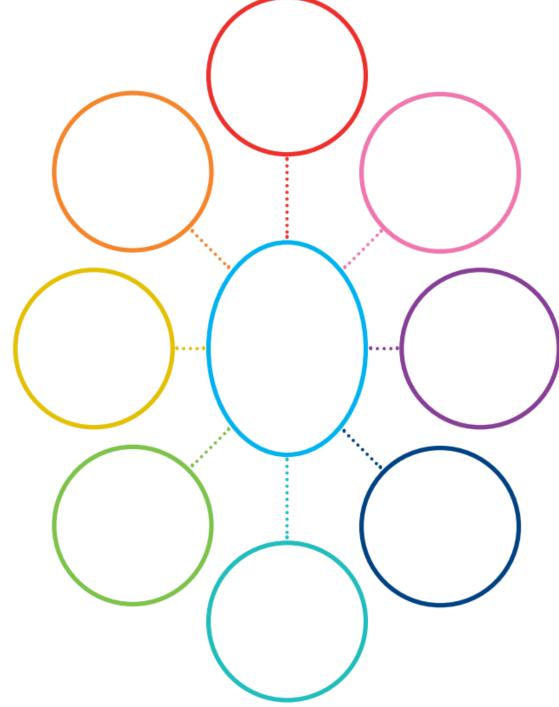


#### **Creating the Setting**



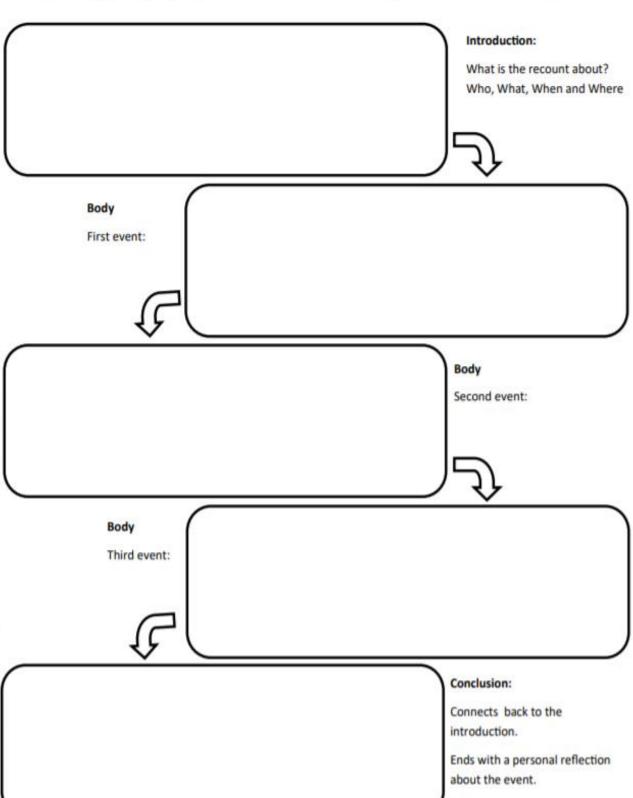






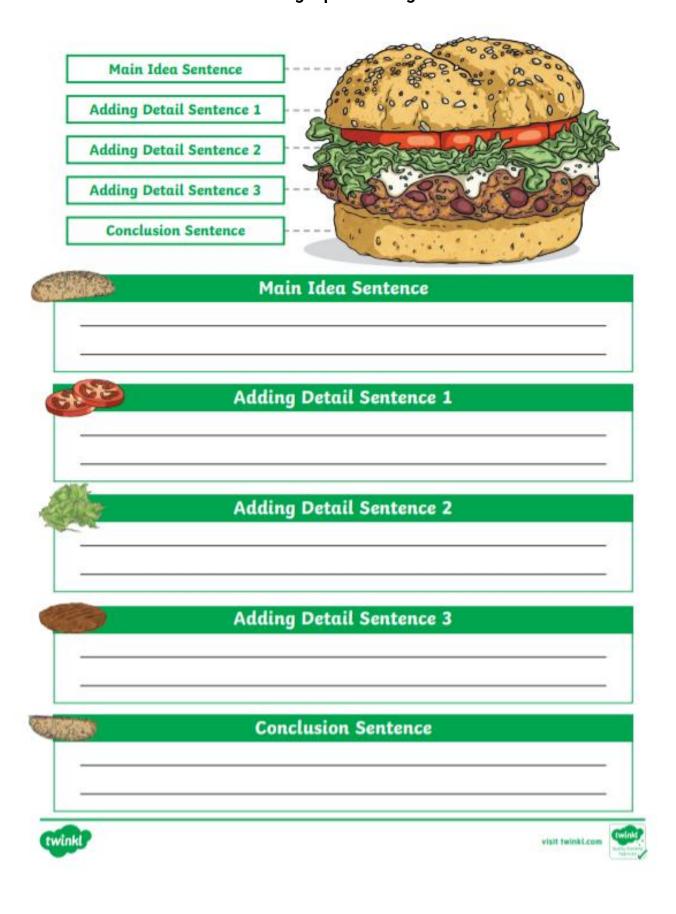


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#### Paragraph Writing



#### **Advert Writing**

Name of Product:	
Slogan ideas: alliteration? Simile/ metaphor? Rhys	me?
Hook or promise:	Superlative/ exaggeration:
Rhetorical questions:	Bossy verbs and strong adverbs.
Appealing adjectives/ positive feelings:	Product information/ special offers:

#### **Advert Writing**

#### Persuasive Writing Planning Page

What are you selling?	Who is your target audience?	Which phrases will you use to appeal to your target audience?  Special offer  The best
Will your product make your customer	How_will your advert	Cool
Happier	attract their attention and stick in their memory?	Cheaper
Healthier	use humour	Free!
Slimmer	ask questions	Genuine
More comfortable	appeal to their senses	Latest fashion
More beautiful	use alliteration, rhyme or	Bargain
More intelligent	a play on words to create a memorable slogan;	Exclusive
More fashionable	persuade them to	Fun
The envy of their friends	imagine themselves using your product	

Which of these will you use in your advert?
a mix of facts and persuasive comment
focus on the positive and ignore the negative
use exaggerated language, full of adjectives and adverbs to paint an appealing picture
start sentences with the imperative
ask a rhetorical question
use memorable image or slogan

make them feel special.

### **Word Mats**

# Sentence Openers

One morning After a while One evening Before long Afterwards After that As soon as At last

Finally

Last

Next

Then

In the meantime A moment later Meanwhile Later on During Soon Now



### Where

In the middle of the... Under the bridge.... Over the bridge.... In the distance..... Far away.....

In a far off land..... At the end of..... On top of the ..... Inside of.....

Rather than

Opposite the ..... Nearby....

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All of a sudden

Next week

Next to the .....

### information To add

Again

At first

One day

Second First

Third Then

Also

Comparisons

Even though Although However Despite Unlike Still

For example....

As well as

Along with....

Another







# Adjectives

Time	ancient	brief	early	fast	late	modern	plo	quick	rapid	short	slow	swift	bunofi						
Size	big	colossal	enormous	gigantic	great	huge	immense	large	little	long	mammoth	massive	meagre	mighty	mini	minuscule	petite	fund	short
Uncomfortable Feelings	angry	annoyed	anxions	ashamed	awful	bewildered	pored	confused	defeated	defiant	depressed	disgusted	disturbed	dizzip	embarrassed	envious	frightened	hungry	lonely
Comfortable Feelings	brave	calm	cheerful	comfortable	conrageous	determined	eager	elated	encouraged	energetic	enthusiastic	excited	exuberant	fantastic	fine	healthy	Infhoi	pleasant	relieved
Objects	bright	clear	distinct	drab	elegant	filthy	gleaming	grotesque	long	magnificent	precious	sparkling	spotless	strange	unsightly	unusual	valuable		
People	adorable	adventurous	aggressive	annoying	beautiful	caring	clumsy	confident	considerate	excitable	glamorous	grumpy	happy	helpful	important	intimidating	obnoxious	ppo	talented

# Character Description Word Mat

Movement	blundering	edging	hobbling	limping	looming	pacing	plodding	racing	scrambling	skulking	stalking	stooping	striding	strutting	stumbling	sweeping	trudging	
Clothes	clean	damaged	fashionable	flowing	ill-fitting	modern	neat	old-fashioned	pristine	spotless	stylish	tidy	torn	untidy	unkempt	vintage	worn	
Voice	booming	brittle	clear	confident	croaking	echoing	flat	gruff	hushed	inaudible	pnol	quiet	quivering	raspy	shrill	wheezy	whispering	
Body	angular	athletic	broad	bulky	burly	frail	lithe	muscular	narrow	dwnjd	slender	slight	slim	stout	wide	willowy	wiry	
Hair	afro tangled	braided thick	coarse wavy	corkscrews wild	crimped wispy		dark	fine	floppy	frizzy	ginger	golden	greasy	luscious	messy	neat	ringlets	shiny
Face	adorable morose	attractive narrow	beautiful olive	black odd	blotchy plump	blushing round	brown sallow	cheerful scrunched	cruel slim	cute striking	freckled stunning	gloomy sullen	gorgeous sunburnt	jaunty sunken	kind unusual	long white	loving wicked	miserable wrinkled



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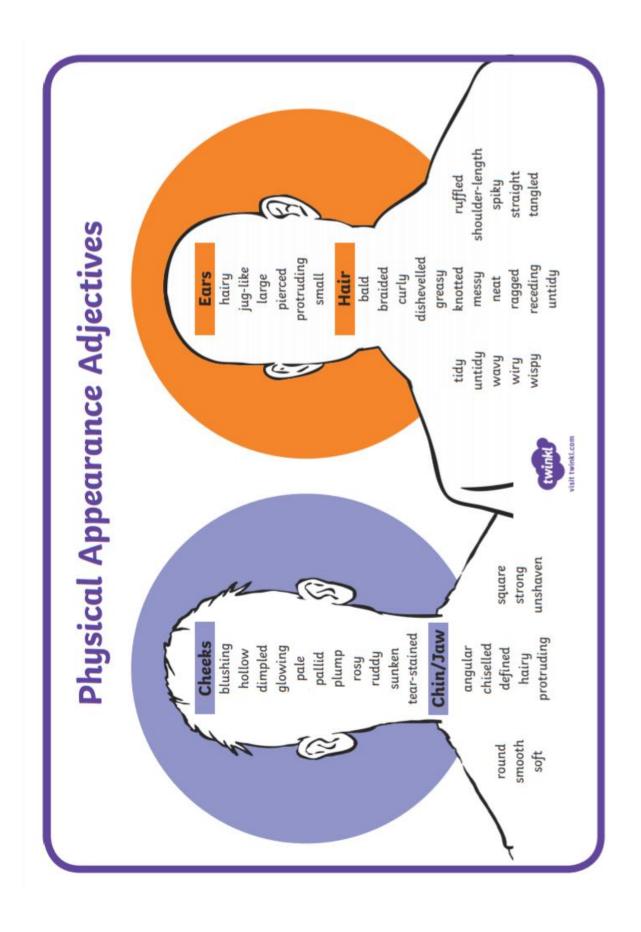
# Adverbs

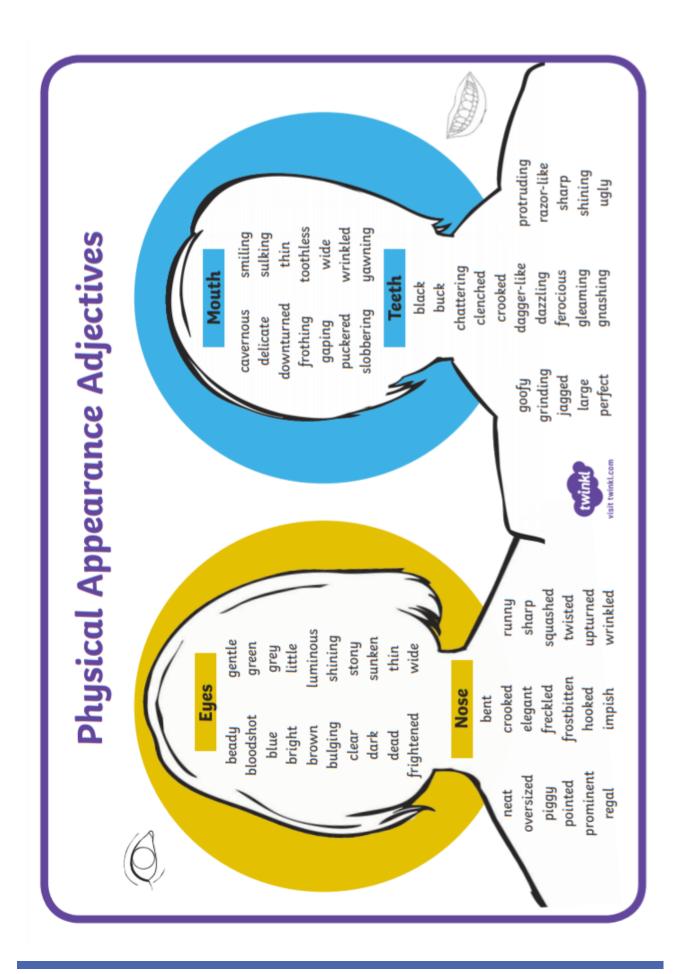
How?	When?	How often?	Where?	How much?
angrily	afterwards	always	above	almost
anxiously	again	annually	around	completely
cautiously	beforehand	constantly	away	entirely
cheerfully	early	daily	below	little
courageously	lately	hourly	down	much
crossly	never	monthly	downstairs	rather
cruelly	won	never	everywhere	totally
defiantly	often	occasionally	here	very
doubtfully	punctually	often	inside	
elegantly	recently	once	outside	How certain?
enthusiastically	soon	regularly	there	certainly
foolishly	then	repeatedly	dn	definitely
frantically	today	sometimes	upstairs	probably
gently	tomorrow	usually	wherever	undoubtedly
gladly	yesterday	yearly		surely
gracefully		More Use	More Useful Adverhs:	
happily				
hungrily		additionally	insufficiently	hence consequently
flpnol		fittingly	appropriately sui	suitably however

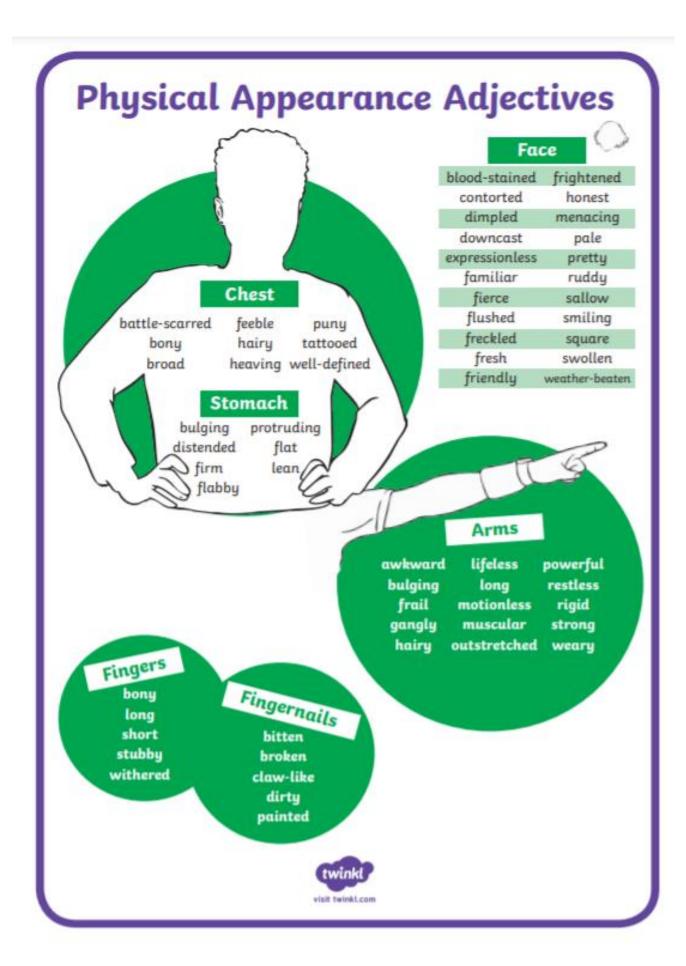


# Verbs

Movement	Voice	Objects	Emotion	Sense	Thought	ų
ounce skip	giggle	pend	admire	caress	comprehend	pı
	hum	break	bawl	eat	conceive	
1000	laugh	puru	blubber	feel	contemplate	te
	rap	control	cry	hear	daydream	_
	scream	plof	despair	lick	dream	
	shout	melt	frown	listen	evaluate	
	sigh	mend	grin	observe	lament	
	sing	mould	laugh	smell	meditate	
hop trudge	qos	uado	love	ffins	ponder	
	talk	repair	sigh	taste	reflect	
	whisper	smash	smile	touch	speculate	03
12.0	hawn	snap	smirk		think	
		stretch	tremble		visualise	
		throw	weep		wonder	
		twist	wince			
						٢
			More Usegui Verbs:	)S:		
			change suggest	locate	design sele	t
					plan focus	SI

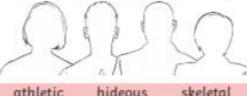






#### Physical Appearance Adjectives

#### Overall Appearance



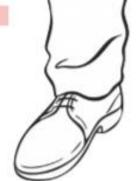
athletic	hideous	skeletal
beautiful	lanky	slender
blotchy	lifeless	slight
brawny	lithe	statuesque
bronzed	muscular	stocky
burly	overweight	strapping
frail	pallid	trim
fragile	pasty	voluptuous
gangly	plump	weak
gaunt	puny	willowy
gawky	rangy	wiry
haggard	scarred	wrinkled
herc	ulean sc	rawny

Feet

grubby bare stinky big sandaled stubby cold slippered swollen dainty small unsightly flat weary sore

#### Legs

bandy rickety bowed shivering short graceful hairy slender spindly long thread-like muscular





#### Build/Figure

athletic burly chubby compact

gangly gaunt heavyset lanky

lithe muscular petite scrawny

skinny slender slight solid

statuesque stocky strapping thin willowy



#### underwhelmed disappointed Feelings exhilarated mpressed shamed confident niserable nauseated reluctant furious overawed overjoyed curious anxious nervous terrified amazed lonely proud excited serene calm eager lazy ttina Description Senses Word Sensations uncomfortable unpleasant sweltering reezing oleasant slippery smooth soaking stifling forceful rough tickly wobbly gentle sticky jagged damp loose tight itchy soft hard cool mouth-watering refreshing infamiliar sickening tempting perfumed pleasant unusual pungent smoky tangy homely Smells delicious disgusting clinical familiar earthy damp dusty exotic floral fresh fruity thumping whispering Sounds liscordant nuttering scratching screeching howling banging buzzzing gurgling scuffling wailing grating low-level ringing raucous rustling tapping melodic noisy pnol quiet silent disappointing fashionable nisshapen Sights enormous glistening mpressive miniscule wonderful luxurious rounded spotless unkempt bustling cluttered crowded dazzling gloomy ancient angular bright empty dusty grim hectic

#### Transitional Words: Beginning, Middle and Concluding

The transitional words have been organized into three categories: <u>Beginning sentences or paragraphs</u>, <u>within a paragraph</u> or to <u>conclude a paragraph or writing</u>. Some are interchangeable.

Beginning
first of all
to begin with
in the first place
generally speaking
accordingly
first
to illustrate my point
for example
for instance
as a rule
for the most part
generally
thereupon
also
as well as
besides
likewise
moreover
similarly
on one hand
on the other hand
rather
similarly
yet
but
however
here
there
over there
beyond
nearly
opposite
under
above
to the left

<u>Middle</u> aside from other than barring except therefore coupled with furthermore in addition the meantime ordinarily usually hence otherwise so then as an example in this case comparatively coupled with correspondingly identically likewise similar moreover together with in essence in other words namely that is that is to say in short in brief to put it differently at first on the contrary at the same time above all particularly including especially for instance specifically especially particularly

Concluding for now for this reason as a result consequently meanwhile later while earlier simultaneously afterward in conclusion with this in mind after all all in all all things considered briefly by and large in any case in any event in conclusion on the whole in short in summary in the final analysis in the long run to sum up to summarize finally singularly exclusive of as you can see for these reasons to wrap up to conclude for this reason simply stated once again to sum up my thoughts

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to the right

by the way

Incidentally

in the distance

let me explain



# **Giving Your Opinion**

### Introducing Your Argument

I think that...

Furthermore, ...

n addition to...

Moreover, ...

Likewise, ...

Firstly, ... Again, ... Next, ...

I strongly believe that... It is obvious

that... It is clear that..

It is clear that... My position is It is undeniable

The fact is that...

ask you to

consider

In my opinion, ...

# Developing Admitting Counter Your Argument Arguments

Although it is true that...

Nevertheless, ...

Even so, ... Whereas...

Admittedly, ...

While some people may think that...

Nonetheless, ...

Despite...

Unfortunately, it may be the case that...

acknowledge that...

Conversely, ...

In fact, ...

But...

I can understand that... It is unfortunately true that...

appreciate that...

Without doubt, ...

reason is that...

compelling

The most

concede that...

### Conclusion

Countering However, ...

In summary, ...

To conclude, ... Finally, ... All this taken into account, ...

In conclusion, ...

For these reasons, ...

All in all, ...

In short, ...

Ultimately, ...

# Persuasive Writing

# Introductions

I think...

For this reason...

I feel that...

I am sure that...

It is certain...

I am writing to...

Of course...

Likewise...

Besides...

Finally...

Also...

In the same way...

On the other hand...

In this situation...

Making your point Firstly, secondly,

**Details** For example...

In fact...

Furthermore...

thirdly...

In addition...

For instance...

As evidence...

In support of this...

**Endings** 

For these reasons...

As you can see...

In other words...

On the whole...

In short...

Similarly...

Moreover...

Again...

Without a doubt...

In brief...

Undoubtedly...

Specifically...

If...then...

because...

Certainly...

Surely...

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## Other Words

reasons

arguments

against

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unfair

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# Walking Directions

left right turn left

west

east

turn right

turn

half turn quarter turn turn around

south-west

south-east

north-east

north south

north-west

turn the corner cross the road

then

between next

arrive

destination forwards walk forwards walk backwards

after past

before





### TRANSITIONAL WORLS & PHRASES NORRATIVES

#### To Show Relationship:

as for, by the same token, comparatively, correspondingly, coupled with, equally, identically, in comparison, in the same way, moreover, likewise, similarly, still, together with, with regard to, with reference to

To Convey a Sequence & Shift in Time/Setting:

afterward, at first, at the same time, earlier, finally, first of all, for the time being, in the first place, in time, in turn, in conclusion, later, later on, meanwhile, next, simultaneously, soon, then, to begin, to conclude, while, with this in mind, above, beyond, by the way, here, in the distance, nearly, over there, opposite, there, to the left, to the right, under

To Build Suspense:

all of a sudden, abruptly, at once, before I knew it, just then, in a flash, instantly, little by little, out of the blue, shockingly, suddenly, unexpectedly, quickly, slowly, without warning

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#### Transitional Words for Procedural Writing

#### **GO Transitions to Begin** To begin, ----First, ----To start, -----To commence, -----**KEEP GOING Transitions in the Middle** Then Next Secondly Continue After that After -----, you must-----STOP Transitions at the End Finally, -----Lastly, ----To conclude, ----

