

Writing Mat

Year 5

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

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

Marvellous Modals!

Include modal verbs to show possibility:

can could should
might must may
would will ought

(and their negative versions)

Could you pop in an adverb of possibility?

surely possibly
certainly perhaps

Front it Out!

Link your sentences and paragraphs:

Time

At that moment, On Saturday,

Finally,

Place

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

Frequency

Every few weeks, Never before, Occasionally, Often,

Manner/ Behaviour

Breathing heavily, Waiting anxiously, Without warning,

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

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

Expanded Noun Phrases:

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

Super Suffixes!

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

It's All Relative!

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

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

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

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

Super Subordination!

Use these conjunctions to create super complex

if because a
before e s
e that after until

Punctuation Power!

A

Capital letters for the start of sentences, names and places.

.

A full stop at the end of a sentence.

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Exclamation marks for exclamations or surprise.

?

Question marks for questions.

'

Apostrophes for showing something belongs to someone and to mark missing letters in contracted words, e.g. didn't

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Commas to separate items in a list and to mark fronted adverbials and clauses.

