

Writing Mat

Working towards Year 4

Top Tip: Use pronouns like **he, she, them** or **they** instead of repeating a name or names.

You need to be organising your writing into **paragraphs** as much as possible. Just make sure each one is about the same theme.

Which is Witch? Don't Muddle Your Homophones	
there/their/they're	your/you're
our/are	accept/except
two/too/to	whether/weather

Does it All Agree?	
Check through your work for:	
was/were	is/are
Is your writing in the correct tense?	

Fantastic Ways to Show Time, Place and Cause in Your Sentences		
Subordinating Conjunctions		
when	before	because
after	while	
Prepositions		
in	during	because of
over	near	until
above	behind	
Adverbs		
next	soon	then
therefore		

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Super Spellings... I need to know many of these:					
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address	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
although	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forwards	library	possess	strange
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arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	suppose
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bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	therefore
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	though
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	thought
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	through
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	various
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	weight
calendar	enough	imagine	often	recent	woman
caught	exercise	increase	opposite	regular	women

Punctuation Power!	
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.	A full stop at the end of a sentence.
!	Exclamation marks for exclamations or surprise.
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,	Commas to separate items on a list.
“ ”	Inverted commas around speech.

Expanded Noun Phrases: Get Descriptive!
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a magnificent, sparkling necklace with priceless diamonds

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Spellings... I need to know **almost all** of these:

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Use fronted adverbials with a comma.

After the storm,

Running for his life,

Behind the clouds,

All of a sudden,

Before lunch,

Waiting anxiously

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

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Time	
At that moment,	On Saturday,
Place	
Over the bridge,	Inside my bedroom,
Beyond the clouds,	Within the classroom,
Frequency	
Every few weeks,	Never before,
Manner/Behaviour	
As quick as a flash,	Breathing heavily,
Waiting anxiously,	Without warning,

Expanded Noun Phrases: Get Descriptive!
the ferocious, snarling beast inside the cage
a magnificent, sparkling necklace with priceless diamonds
the breath-taking, scenic view beyond the valley
the wonderful, talented pupils in Class 9

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