

English Task

Your English task is based around wizards. Try and spend 40 minutes on each task below, we recommend doing one task per day.

Task 1: Top Trump Wizards

Welcome to the wonderful world of wizards!

For thousands of years, humans all over the world have tried to discover the power of wizards. There are many stories about what we do, where we live and the spells we cast. I'm here to introduce you to the world of wizardry and to inspire you to write about wonderful wizards!



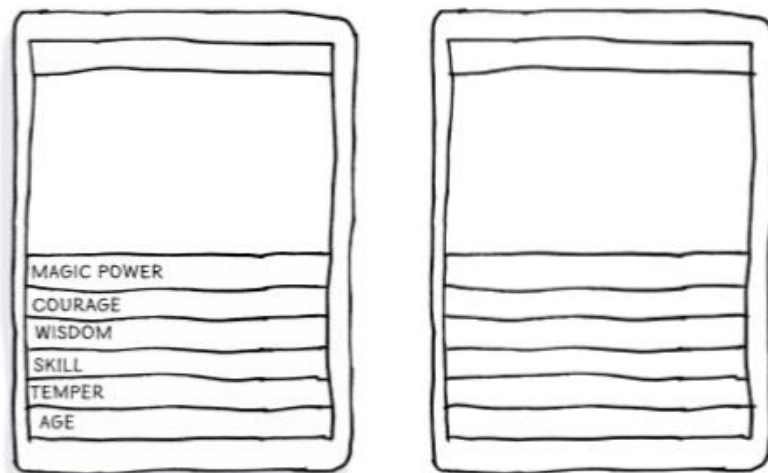
Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a young wizard? What if you found out you actually were one? Let's imagine you are! What would you look like? What would you wear? What special powers would you have?

Top Wizard cards

Let's put all your ideas onto 'Top Wizard' cards in TopTrump style. First, take a look at mine:



Create your Top Wizard cards:



★ Creative challenge – make a set of wizard ‘Top Trumps’ and play with someone else at home. Here are some wizards to get you going but you can create as many as you like.



If you don't know how to play Top Trumps you can find out here: <http://www.toptrumps.com/how-to-play-toptrumps/>

Task 2: Word meanings and Comprehension

Let's go to wizard school!

So now you are a wizard, there's a place just for you! Take a look at this advert for The School of Wizardry. It is written to persuade you to join the school and learn to be a great wizard. Read it through and see if this is the school for you!

Welcome to the School of Wizardry



Are you a budding wizard, full of spells and magic? Do you long to be the finest wizard in all the land? If so, come along to our School of Wizardry and learn to be a Master Wizard! Don't miss out on this once-in-a-millennium opportunity. The School of Wizardry offers remarkable education for wizards of all calibres. Learn new skills from highly qualified professors of wizardry and enjoy our stunning curriculum, which boasts a multitude of outstanding classes. The choice of lessons here is unrivalled and includes: - preparing magic spells and inventing potions; - broomstick manoeuvres and expert flying skills; - specialist invisibility and advanced disguise; - perfection in wand-handling skills. Our exceptional school is renowned around the globe and places are highly sought after. Study here and we can guarantee you'll pass every wizard exam with flying colours. It is certain you'll be the envy of all your wizard friends. Study with the best! We have been rated 'Super-Terrific' in a recent inspection by the W.S.B (Wizard School Board) and you won't find tutelage like this anywhere else in the universe. We also have up-to-the-minute equipment, beautifully decorated classrooms and the most divine, freshly cooked school dinners. What are you waiting for? Apply now! Come, join us. Leave other wizards far behind! Win in the world of wizards!

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What do the words mean?

★ Let's investigate this text a little more. Use a dictionary to find the meaning of the following words:

budding	
calibre	
multitude	
unrivalled	
manoeuvres	
disguise	
renowned	
tutelage	

Which synonym?



★ Synonyms are words with the same or similar meanings. ★ Match the synonyms below this table to the target words. ★ Can you find any more synonyms to add into the table?

Target word	Synonyms
budding	
calibre	
multitude	
unrivalled	
manoeuvres	
disguise	
renowned	
tutelage	
<p>Which synonyms match the target words?</p> <p>supreme promising famous many teaching movements talents camouflage</p>	

Use an example ★ Look at your definitions and synonyms above. Draw a small image in each box to help you remember the meaning of the word.

multitude	disguise
manoeuvres	tutelage

Wizard comprehension! Here's a quick-fire reading quiz about the wizard advert in Task 2. How many questions can you answer?

How can you become the finest wizard in the land?-----

Does budding mean you are becoming good at something or you are old? -----

Anyone can go to the School of Wizardry. TRUE or FALSE? -----

Which phrase in the text means the same as latest? -----

Which two lessons will make you better at casting spells? -----

Find and copy four words that show you this school is great and make you really want to go. -----

Why might the school have been rated 'Super-terrific'? -----

Why might you be the envy of your friends if you go to this school? -----

Task 3: Potion poem

Wonderful Wizard Potions



Let's get creative. There has been a lot of talk about magic and potions, so I thought it would be fun to create one. Take a look at what I have put in my potion:

My Wonderful Wizard Potion

Into my potion, I will drop ...
Glitter from the wings of the fastest fairy,
Slime from the skin of the slowest slug,
The sound of starlight bursting in a black sky,
The smell of ocean mist tumbling,
A cloak made of cobwebs,
Some shoes made of rain,
1000 blinking eyes,
One dot stolen from the letter i,
A spoonful of words that start with p,
A touch of happiness.

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Now have a go at writing your potion poem. What magical things would you drop into your potion? Follow the pattern above and think about the language you can use. Be as inventive as you can.

- ★ Try to make your items sound exciting by using alliteration – where words start with the same sound e.g. fastest fairy, slowest slug
- ★ Use precise, powerful verbs that show things in a more exciting way e.g. bursting, tumbling
- ★ Choose unusual things to add to your potion. Be as inventive as you can e.g. a cloak made of cobwebs, shoes made of rain
- ★ Use opposites or pairs to create interest: 1000 and then 1, the fastest and then the slowest, 'the sound of ...' and then 'the smell of ...'
- ★ Use a measure of something e.g. a touch of, a pinch of, a handful of, a spoonful of, a list of ...

Use this planning template to help you:

Two items you would use in a potion from interesting things. Use the pattern: ... <i>from the ... of</i> e.g. <i>Glitter from the wings of...</i>	1 2
The sound of something	
The smell of something	
Two pieces of unusual clothing	1 2
A large number of something e.g. 1000 <i>blinking eyes</i>	
A small number of something: <i>One dot</i>	
Two measurements of something e.g. <i>A spoonful of words</i>	1 2
Optional: Any other ideas you want to add	

Once you have checked your poem, publish it by writing it inside a bottle (example below):

