

Wednesday 24th February

Skills burst



4A

Extra information

Fronted adverbial

## Challenge

Write the numbers correctly as words (remember the hyphen!)

66

31

83

79

## Shifts in formality

Change the sentences from formal to informal:

1. The weather was terrible, the wind blew my hair everywhere.
2. As I approached the door, scary thoughts filled my mind.
3. Pancake day is the best. I always eat so many!

This is a 1 paragraph description of one of the characters from Harry Potter, interrogate it, what do you like? What do you dislike?

The rather severe-looking woman was wearing square-shaped glasses - exactly the shape as the markings the cat had had around its eyes. She, too, was wearing a cloak, an emerald one. Her black hair was drawn into a tight bun: not a hair was out of place. This character almost always showed a sternness. She was held in great respect (and some fear) by some students and staff; others were not a fan of her. She didn't tolerate audacity nor silliness from her pupils and was known to turn cold towards people who said or did things in front of her that were stupid. However, she did have a dry sense of humour which usually came out when times were tough.

This week you will get the choice of 2 characters to describe - choose the one you are most confident in writing 4 paragraphs about.....

Professor Dumbledore

or

Rubeus Hagrid



## **Description of Albus Dumbledore**

Nothing like this man had ever been seen in Privet Drive. He was tall, thin and very old, judging by the silver of his hair and beard, which were both long enough to tuck into his belt. He was wearing long robes, a purple cloak which swept the ground and high heeled, buckled boots. His blue eyes were light, bright and sparkling behind half-moon spectacles and his nose was very long and crooked, as though it had been broken at least twice. This man's name was Albus Dumbledore.

## **Description of Hagrid**

If the motorbike was huge, it was nothing compared to the man sitting astride it. He was almost twice as tall as a normal man and at least five times as wide. He looked simply too big to be allowed, and so wild – long tangles of bushy black hair and beard hid most of his face, he has hands the size of dustbin lids and his feet in their leather boots were like baby dolphins. In his vast, muscular arms he was holding a bundle of blankets. A giant of a man was standing in the doorway. His face was almost completely hidden by a long, shaggy mane of hair and a wild, tangled beard, but you could make out his eyes, glinting like black beetles under all the hair.

Use those descriptions to help you make your choice - today you are planning only - 4 paragraphs - I would focus 2 on appearance and 2 on personality. By the end of the day you should have a completed plan of either Hagrid or Dumbledore, ready for tomorrow and Friday to write the description.