

54321 Spellings

calendar (n.)

Practise these words for 5 minutes on Monday, 4 minutes on Tuesday etc.

enough (adj.)

Remember to use the spelling strategies we have practised e.g.

imagine (v.)

often (adv.)

-Pyramid words

-Mnemonics (where each letter stands for a word)

recent (adj.)

- 'Look, say, cover, write, check.'

- Writing the word in a sentence

woman (n.)

- Drawing a box around the word to show the shape

SPaG Word of the Week

third person

(Third person is writing from another person's point of view or as an outsider looking in.)

She likes to go to the gym.

Idiom of the Week

it's not rocket science

(It's not that difficult to understand.)

Can you include it in this week's main writing piece?

Punctuation for Parenthesis

A) Write down the information only in parenthesis in the sentences

- 1) Running Wild is a fascinating book - written in 2011 - by the author Michael Morpurgo.
- 2) Rose opened the latch on the window (the one overlooking the courtyard) and carefully climbed down.

B) Write down only which punctuation can be used for parenthesis

- 3) ! () . - ' ,
- 4) ' , - ? ...

C) Now write two sentences of your own and use either () or - - or , ,

- 5)
- 6)

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Wednesday 13th January

Learning Objective

Today we are learning to write our own setting descriptions.

Success Criteria

I will be successful if:

- I can turn my notes into sentences.
- I can include a range of descriptive vocabulary (e.g. fantastic adjectives especially!)
- I can describe the appearance, landscape, weather etc. of my planet.
- I can include the target sentence types and genre features.

Skills Burst



Write an extra information sentence for this picture.
Choose from () ,, or - -

e.g. *Paris (the capital of France) is one of the most beautiful cities in the world.*

The bumble bee - bombus terrestris - is a beneficial insect because it produces honey and pollinates crops.

Setting Description

- First, write an introduction paragraph which includes details of your mission and how it has recently been successful.
- Then write a paragraph about the planet (setting description.) We expect this paragraph to be a good length.
- If you are stuck for ideas, look at your notes, the WAGOLL from Monday or the extra WAGOLLS on the next slides. These are some of Mr Jefferies' best pieces (in his opinion!) and he is very proud of them!
- Remember to include the genre features and writing targets on your checklist.
- EXTENSION: write another planet setting description!

Writing Targets

We want to see you include the following sentence types in your writing at least.

- Include 2A/4A sentences
- Include extra information sentences
- Include 1 or 2 pair sentences
- Include subordinate clause sentences
- Include descriptive sentences
- YOUR CHOICE

*We also want you to include at least three examples of sentences with ! and rhetorical questions with ?

Writing Checklist Character/Setting Description

<i>Character & Setting Description Features</i>	Pupil	Teacher
Character descriptions		
Setting descriptions		
Colourful adjectives		
Powerful verbs		
Third person		
'Space' words		
Sentence Types		
2A/4A sentence		
Extra information sentence		
1 or 2 pair sentence		
Subordinate clause sentence		
Descriptive sentence		

WAGOLL

Is there life among the stars?

Mission Log 623 (26.4.2032)

Up until three days ago, mission 'Is there life among the stars?' had produced absolutely no results. However, in the past twenty four hours, Radius probe 6026 (fired by the Lux Aeterna's laser array) has relayed some remarkable data back to mission control. The probe has uncovered life on two of the 29 planets orbiting the Xena star system and what we have below are the first details to be published.

NOTICE: this report is TOP SECRET!

Another WAGOLL

Planet Alpha 36LM

Radius probe 6026 made contact with Planet Alpha 36LM's surface at around 18:00 Earth time on 29.7.2057. After adjusting its sensors and rebooting its microscopic computer system, it discovered first of all that there appears to be no solid surface to the planet. Instead, the planet's structure is a type of dense, gloopy liquid which is broken up by patches of swirling, toxic gases and ferocious lightening storms. These storms occasionally produce sharp shards of ice that fall as rain in the atmosphere and the probe's sensors also took images of violent, high-speed whirlpools during the 372- hour night. The strength of these storms caused one of the probe's sensors to malfunction but it was able to also detect traces of precious metals such as gold and silver in the shape of trees and flowers. How fascinating!