

List of writing tasks and key grammar focuses

Get Writing! content – Composition activities

Red Ditty Books	
The Ditties include simple writing activities, such as Complete a Sentence and Hold a Sentence, which provide an important bridge between the writing of single words and whole sentences.	
Green Storybooks	Get Writing! Write About activity
On the bus	<i>Write About the Hullabaloo</i> Composing simple sentences to describe the noises that different animals make on a bus.
My dog Ned	<i>Write About what Ned is Thinking</i> Completing thought bubbles to describe what Ned might think to himself when he is taken to a vet.
Six fish	<i>Write About Fat Cat</i> Composing simple sentences to describe what Fat Cat, a greedy cat, eats that makes him bigger and bigger, and writing a speech bubble for Pug Dog's response.
The spell	<i>Write a Spell</i> Completing a list of the ingredients that Stitch the witch puts in her pot to make her spell.
Black Hat Bob	<i>Write a Wanted Poster</i> Writing a Wanted poster with descriptions of Red Hat Rob for the police.
Tug, tug	<i>Write About Fish</i> Writing short descriptive sentences about an imaginary fish that they might catch.
Chips	<i>Write About Chips</i> Composing simple sentences to describe different kinds of chips that are eaten by the story characters.
The Web	<i>Write About Bugs</i> Writing descriptive sentences about the type of bug they would eat if they were Spin the spider.
Pip's pizza	<i>Write About Pizza</i> Writing a list of the ingredients for a pizza order for a friend.
Stitch the witch	<i>Write About the Bed</i> Writing commands from Stitch the witch to her naughty cat.
We can all swim!	<i>Write About Swimming</i> Writing descriptive sentences about different places where animals can swim.
What am I?	<i>Write About Cats</i> In role as a cat, writing descriptive sentences about what they can do.
Purple Storybooks	
Ken's cap	<i>Write a Letter</i> Writing a letter of apology from Ken to his mum about something he has lost.
A bad fox	<i>Write About Keeping Safe</i> Writing commands about keeping safe.
Big Blob and Baby Blob	<i>Write About Shopping with Baby Blob</i> Writing descriptive sentences about shopping with Baby Blob.

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Tim and Tom	<i>Write About Twins</i> Writing a balanced text about the pros and cons of having a twin.
Tag	<i>Write About Hiding</i> Composing questions and responses about places to hide.
Elvis	<i>Write About Things that Need Fixing</i> Writing descriptive sentences about toys they want Elvis to mend.
Flip Frog and the bug	<i>Write About Flip's Chase</i> Composing descriptive sentences about what insect Flip would like to eat and where he will find it.
Red Ken	<i>Write About Ken's Accident</i> Writing a description of the process that led to Ken's accident.
Billy the Kid	<i>Write About the Troll</i> Writing labels to describe the key features of a troll.
In the bath	<i>Write About Having a Bath</i> Composing a balanced text about the best and worst things about having a bath.
Hens	<i>Write About Hens</i> Writing descriptions of the activities that hens can do.
Puppets	<i>Write About the Puppet</i> Writing labels to describe a puppet.
Pink Storybooks	
Scruffy Ted	<i>Write About the Toys</i> Composing descriptive sentences about toys.
Tab the cat	<i>Write About Looking After a Pet</i> Writing a letter to Meg's mum, in role as Meg, with promises about looking after a cat.
In the sun	<i>Write a Postcard</i> Writing a letter to a friend describing what they will do when they go on holiday to the seaside.
The dressing up box	<i>Write About Dressing Up</i> Composing questions and descriptive responses about teachers in fancy dress.
Tab's kitten	<i>Write About the Kitten</i> Composing descriptive sentences about where their kitten will sleep, what it will eat and where it will play.
Sanjay stays in bed	<i>Write About what Mum Says to Sanjay</i> Writing commands in role as Sanjay's mum.
The greedy green gremlin	<i>Write About Hiding Places</i> Writing descriptive sentences about the places where the gremlin hides.
In the night	<i>Write About Noises</i> In role, composing descriptive sentences about the noises that keep them awake at night.
Snow	<i>Write About Playing in the Snow</i> Writing speech bubbles to describe playing in the snow.
So cool!	<i>Write About a Cool Day</i> Writing a letter to a friend who is coming to visit describing the activities they will do over the whole day.

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Jay's clay pot	<i>Write About Making a Clay Pot</i> Composing instructions to describe how to make a clay pot.
Bats	<i>Write Facts about Bats</i> Writing facts about what bats do and what they look like.
Orange Storybooks	
Playday	<i>Write About Playing</i> In role, writing speech bubbles about what the characters in the story might say to each other as they play.
I think I want to be a bee	<i>Write About What You Want to Be</i> Writing descriptive sentences about what they want to be when they get older and why.
A bad fright	<i>Write About a Wicked Witch</i> Composing descriptive sentences about what an imagined witch looks like and does.
Follow me!	<i>Write About Riding a Bike</i> Writing speech bubbles to show what a girl might say to her dad about her new bike.
Too much!	<i>Write About A Grumpy Girl</i> Writing a short, sequenced narrative about what makes a girl in a story grumpy and what stops her feeling grumpy.
A good cook?	<i>Write About a Good Cook</i> Writing descriptive sentences about who in their family is a good cook and the best thing they cook.
Come on, Margo!	<i>Write About a Race</i> Writing thought bubbles for Margo at different times in her car race.
My sort of horse	<i>Write About Horses</i> Composing, in role, speech bubbles with boasts that two imaginary children make to each other about their horses.
Haircuts	<i>Write About a Bad Hair Day</i> Writing a short episode describing a girl's disaster haircut experience.
My best shirt	<i>Write a Letter</i> Writing a letter from Kirsty to Tom's mum apologising for spoiling his party.
Look out!	<i>Write About a Mouse in the House</i> Writing descriptive speech bubbles about what a mouse looks like and where it hides in a house.
Hunt the tortoise	<i>Write an Invitation to a Picnic</i> Writing a clear and persuasive invitation to a picnic.
Jam tarts	<i>Write a Shopping List</i> Writing a shopping list, giving the number and description of each item.
Jim's house in 1874	<i>Write About Jim's House</i> Writing a comparative description of houses now and in Victorian times.

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Yellow Storybooks	Get Writing! Grammar focus	Get Writing! Write About activity
The duckchick	Verbs (past tense)	<i>Write About how Mama hen got a shock</i> In role as Mama hen, describing what happened and how her feelings towards the duckchick changed.
Off sick	Apostrophe (of omission)	<i>Write About Being Ill</i> Writing a sequenced narrative about feeling ill and describing what Mum says to them at different times of the day.
Tom Thumb	Capital letters (names, I, starting sentences)	<i>Write a Poster for Tom Thumb</i> In role as Tom Thumb's mum, writing a Lost poster describing what Tom Thumb looks like and where he might be.
The gingerbread man	Past tense Suffixes for verbs, no change to root when adding -ing, -ed, -er Adjectives (-er, -est)	<i>Write About the Gingerbread Man</i> Writing in role as Seth, describing what happened when they chased the gingerbread man.
Robin Hood	Prefix -un	<i>Write About Falling Out</i> Writing a recount of an imaginary argument they had with a brother, sister or friend.
Lost	Plurals using suffixes -s and -es Singular	<i>Write About the New Kitten</i> In role as Ray, writing a letter to Fred describing his new kitten.
Do we have to keep it?	Joining words and clauses with 'and'	<i>Write About the New Baby</i> In role as Dan, writing an email to Rajeev about his new baby sister and how he feels about her.
Danny and the Bump-a-lump	Full stops Compound words	<i>Write About Something Under the Bed</i> Writing a short play with a conversation between Danny and Mum describing the scary thing under his bed.
Grow your own radishes	Adjectives	<i>Write Adverts for Salad Lunches</i> Writing adverts using persuasive language to encourage children to choose salad lunches.
The foolish witch	Nouns	<i>Write Hansel's story</i> In role as Hansel, recounting the end of the story and how he and Gretel tricked the witch.
In the park	Statements Past tense	<i>Write a Leaflet about the Park</i> Writing an informative leaflet listing what you can do in the park and how you should look after it.

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A mouse in the house	Questions and Question marks Exclamations and Exclamation marks Commands Statements	<i>Write About Looking After a Mouse</i> Writing instructions for how to look after a mouse, including its house, food and water and play activities.
Blue Storybooks	Get Writing! Grammar focus	Get Writing! Write About activity
Barker	Noun phrases	<i>Write a Newspaper Report</i> Writing a newspaper report recounting Mr Brown's thoughts about having a dog and how his feelings changed.
The poor goose	Verbs	<i>Write About Winning</i> In role as the sheepdog, retelling the story of the race with the other animals.
Hairy fairy	Adjectives	<i>Write a Letter</i> In role as the hairy fairy, writing a letter asking the Fairy Queen for a job with Father Christmas.
King of the birds	Adverbs	<i>Write About a Fib</i> Writing a story about a boy who lies to get his friends to like him more.
Our house	Noun phrases	<i>Write About Your Bedroom</i> Writing a letter to a friend or cousin coming to stay, explaining where he/she will sleep and what they will do.
The jar of oil	Present and past tense	<i>Write a Letter to the Prince</i> In role as the poor man, writing a letter to the prince asking him for another jar of oil.
Jade's party	Commas (in lists)	<i>Write a Party Invitation</i> Writing an invitation, giving details of a party, the games and what the guests should wear.
Jellybean	Noun phrases Co-ordination (or, and, but)	<i>Write a Poem</i> In role as different wild animals, writing a poem about what each animal might say to a girl who wants to keep them as a pet.
A box full of light	Apostrophe (of omission)	<i>Write About a Journey</i> In role as Fox, describing the journey with Kestrel to find the light.

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The hole in the hill	Adverbs ending -ly	<i>Write About The Day the Children were Taken</i> In role as the child left behind, writing a story about the events when the children were taken.
On your bike	Commands	<i>Write About How to Ride a Bike Safely</i> Writing clear instructions on what to do and wear when riding a bike.
At the seaside	Verbs Compound words	<i>Write a Poster</i> Writing a persuasive poster, advertising what you can do at the seaside.
Grey Storybooks	Get Writing! Grammar focus	Get Writing! Write About activity
Rex to the rescue	Co-ordination (or, and, but)	<i>Write a Poster</i> Writing an informative poster giving details on how to spot and stop a bully.
The lion's paw	Progressive in past tense	<i>Write About Androcles and the Lion</i> In role as Androcles, retelling how he was a slave and how meeting the lion changed his life.
I dare you	Commands	<i>Write About Games</i> Writing instructions for a game for Radar Rob and Cosmic Clare to play.
Looking after a hamster	Nouns	<i>Write About Looking After Me</i> Writing a list, in role, to remind an older brother about how he needs to look after them.
How silly!	Apostrophe (possessive)	<i>Write About Your Friend</i> Describing how they met a friend and what they do and say together.
Wailing Winny's car boot sale	Progressive in present tense Progressive in past tense	<i>Write About Your Toys and Books</i> Composing gift tags, describing why they are giving away their toy and book and why they are special to them.
Toad	Adverbs	<i>Write About the Toad's Thoughts</i> Describing what the toad is really thinking at different times during the story.
Andrew	Commands	<i>Write About What Stewart Said</i> In role as Stewart, answering questions about why he didn't look after Andrew properly at the beach.

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Dear Vampire	Suffixes -ful, -less	<i>Write About a Trip to the Fair</i> Retelling what Sam did and felt when he went to the fun fair or theme park.
Vulture culture	Subordination (when, if, that, because)	<i>Write About the Marabou Stork</i> Writing a clear and engaging fact file about what the Marabou stork looks like, how it eats and breeds and where it lives.
A celebration of planet Zox	Adjectives	<i>Write About Being Poorly on a School Trip</i> Recounting an imaginary (or actual) time when they felt poorly on a school trip.
A very dangerous dinosaur	Present and past tense	<i>Write About New Kinds of Dinosaurs</i> Writing descriptions of new (made up) dinosaurs.
The invisible clothes	Verbs	<i>Write About Choosing a Mayor</i> In role as Vain Vincent and Normal Nancy, writing answers to questions in an interview to become mayor.
A job for Jordan	Commands Statements	<i>Write About Looking After Your Dog</i> Writing instructions about looking after and training a dog.
A place in space: The Moon	Noun phrases	<i>Write a Fact File about the Moon</i> Writing a fact file about the shape/size of the Moon, where it is, what's on it and who has been there.