

Tomb Raiders



TASK

I would like you to write a **story** about the adventure of grave robbers who attempt to steal from King Tut's tomb. Think carefully about what we have researched so far during our English and topic sessions. Use the link below to help:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/tut.html>

Look closely at the example I have written (WAGOLL), the success criteria and the relevant assessment grid.

It is important to plan and draft your story carefully before producing your final piece. Once you have written your story, I would like you to edit your work. Think about how you could improve the vocabulary, punctuation and spellings.

I look forward to reading your stories!

Success Criteria

My story has an interesting title.	
I have described the setting and atmosphere using descriptive language.	
I have introduced my character or characters and told the reader about them.	
I have explained what is happening at the beginning of the story.	
My story has a believable but interesting problem.	
My character/s solve the problem in a believable way.	
I have shown the feelings of my character/characters as they deal with the problem.	
I have finished writing effectively to complete the story.	
I have written in paragraphs and each paragraph contains a new idea or event.	
I have used interesting language throughout the story to paint a clear picture for the reader.	
I have used time connectives to help guide the reader through the story.	
I have used different types of sentences to make my writing entertaining.	
I have used speech carefully with correct punctuation.	

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Grains from the sand timer drained away. It was time! Time to carry out the master plan! We were grave robbers – me and Dalifa. They had been burying Pharaohs for years, burying them since I could remember, but that was not important. What we were really interested in was the treasure buried with them! It used to be much easier! Before, Pharaohs were buried in huge pyramids, however they were too easy to steal from, so now they were buried in tombs underground. If we could rob the tomb of TutanKhamem, we would be rich beyond our wildest dreams, on the other hand, if we failed we would be punished. These punishments were so awful, it gave me nightmares.

We packed our tools and set off towards the tombs stone. My heart was pounding both with excitement and nerves. It was night now and the stars were sparkling in the vast sky above. Our shadows were long now so we kept close to the buildings and made our way down towards the Nile where our small boat was waiting for us, bobbing on the glistening water. Quietly but quickly we made our way down the Nile towards the great tomb which stored the body of King Tut and all his lucrative possessions.

An hour later, there we stood... Outside the tomb of a once great ruler! Hiding behind a large boulder, we took a peek at the armed soldiers guarding the entrance. Dalifa took a large stone and threw it over towards the guards but just to the left. It bounced and rolled away from the entrance. Both the soldiers glanced at each other with a suspicious look and they proceeded to search the area where the rock had landed. 'Quick' Dalifa whispered! We dashed towards the entrance and slipped inside without the soldiers' knowledge. Step 1 complete!

We were in! We were in the tomb! Deeper we travelled until we came to a long corridor and a sight struck us! Dalifa's mouth dropped open! Before their eyes was a glowing halo of gold in the distance! It was the treasure! Tempted by the glow, we both dashed towards the golden light. Without warning, there was a sudden rumble. Our delight suddenly turned into horror. The rumbling grew and grew until the ground below started tremble and shake! Was it an earthquake?... No it was something even more terrifying! In the distance, behind me a large bolder charged towards us. It was bigger than any bolder we had ever seen! It was surely going to crush them both. Without a second thought, we both turned and darted towards the end of the corridor! If we could just reach the end, we might have a chance of surviving!

Faster and faster our legs carried us but quicker and quicker the huge rock rolled. It was closer than ever before! We stumbled on! To add to the chaos, there was a sudden swish of cool air. Sharp splintering spikes began shooting upwards out of the floor, missing us by inches. Ducking and dodging we hurtled on leaping and diving over the spikes. Glancing behind, the bolder charged onwards, crashing through the wooden spikes that had failed to kill us. As we reached the end of the corridor the bolder was upon us, it grazed the back of my head. Taking on final desperate leap forwards, we reached the end of the tunnel and tumbled into the tomb of King Tut. With a loud smash, the bolder collided into the doorframe and stopped immediately sending dust and sand into the air. We were safe! With our hearts still pulsating we turned to look at where we were.

The room was full of treasures of all kinds. Chests full of golden, glistening coins! Giant metallic statues stood around the outside of the room whilst diamonds and jewels lay scattered around like snowflakes. In the centre lay the tomb itself. It was a giant golden coffin, engraved with hieroglyphics and images, telling stories of King Tut's life. Grinning, we hugged each other in celebration. We were going to be rich! The treasure was all ours! Suddenly, a chilling thought crossed my mind... there were no more doors... how were we going to get out???

Sentence Openers

Time	Order	Where	To add information	Comparisons
One day	At first	In the middle of the...	Again	However
One morning	First	Under the bridge...	Also	Yet
One evening	Second	Over the bridge...	Another	Despite
After that	Third	In the distance...	Along with...	Still
After a while	Then	Far away...	For example...	Unlike
Before long	Last	In a far off land...	As well as	Even though
Afterwards	Finally	Inside of...		Although
As soon as	Next	At the end of...		Rather than
At last		On top of the...		
A moment later		Next to the...		
In the meantime		Nearby...		
Later on		Opposite the...		
Meanwhile				
Soon				
During				
Now				



Using Higher Level Vocabulary: **Fiction Writing**

To Describe Settings

attractive
awe-inspiring
beautiful
breathtaking
glorious
magnificent
spectacular

grand
impressive
majestic
regal
splendid
stately
lavish

bustling
busy
crowded
hectic
lively
swarming
teeming

disgusting
hideous
horrible
ugly
unappealing
unattractive
unsightly

creepy
eerie
frightening
scary
sinister
spine-chilling
unnerving

calm
noiseless
peaceful
quiet
silent
still
tranquil

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To Describe Feelings

delighted
ecstatic
elated
euphoric
happy
overjoyed
thrilled

angry
annoyed
fuming
furious
incensed
livid
outraged

anxious
apprehensive
jittery
nervous
tense
uneasy
worried

crestfallen
dejected
depressed
despondent
heartbroken
miserable
sad

afraid
frightened
panic-stricken
petrified
scared witless
terrified
terror-stricken

certain
confident
convinced
in no doubt
optimistic
positive
sanguine

Using Higher Level Vocabulary: **Fiction Writing**
To Describe Characters

amiable
charming
delightful
good natured
likable
nice
pleasant

attractive
beautiful
exquisite
gorgeous
handsome
stunning
winsome

audacious
bold
brave
courageous
fearless
plucky
valiant

disagreeable
horrible
insufferable
loathsome
nasty
obnoxious
unpleasant

grotesque
hideous
repugnant
repulsive
revolting
ugly
vile

almighty
big
enormous
gargantuan
gigantic
humongous
massive