

English

Week 7

This weeks work involves creative writing based on a picture.

Remember your non-negotiables!

- ▶ Capital letters at the beginning of sentences
- ▶ Capital letters for proper nouns - lowercase letters everywhere else
- ▶ The correct type of punctuation at the end (full stop, question mark, exclamation mark) depending on what type of sentence it is
- ▶ Inverted commas for speech

When editing your writing, check

- ▶ Your spellings
- ▶ Punctuation
- ▶ Up level vocabulary

Lesson 1

A mysterious shadow





Can you write your own story using this as a starter?

Story starter!

It happened in the dead of night. The garden light illuminated the person, casting a mysterious shadow.

As silent as a whisper in the night, the figure stealthily crept towards the green, wooden doors. Click...The key slipped into the metal lock, the cold mechanisms inside responding to the familiar shape of the object that had been slipped inside. Seeing the padlock pop open as expected, the figure slipped the slender bolt across into its resting position. The doors groaned agonizingly, the figure turning to survey the surrounding area, alarmed at the loudness of the sound their actions had made.

The coast seemed clear. Resuming their mission, the shadow slipped inside the room. There it was. This was the sight and moment they had been waiting for...

Sentence challenge!

A preposition is a word which shows the relationship between one thing and another.

It may tell you where a thing is in relation to something else. E.g. The silver, shining bolt was on the door.

It may tell you when something is in relation to another event. E.g. She refused to leave the room until she knew the coast was clear.

Can you find any prepositions in your writing? Can you write 3 sentences that contain prepositions?

Is it possible to begin a sentence with a preposition? Can you end a sentence with a preposition? What about trying to start and end a sentence with a preposition?

Perfect picture!

Can you draw what awaits on the other side of the door?

Lesson 2

Mr. Wolf





Question time!

Where is the person trying to escape Mr. Wolf?

Who is he/she and why are they being chased?

What kind of character do you think Mr. Wolf is?

How do you think Mr. Wolf found the person?

Why is he dressed in a suit?

What is it like inside the tree? How is the person feeling?

If you were inside the tree, how would you escape?

Can you write your own story using this as a starter?

Story starter!

In the deepest, darkest depths of the forest, Mr. Wolf waited.

His disguise hadn't worked, but that didn't concern him. Now, the boy thought he was safe. Mr. Wolf didn't think he was. Mr. Wolf knew exactly where he was. He could sense him. He could smell him. He could almost taste him...

Can you use them continue the story about the wolf?

Sentence challenge!

An article specifies a noun as known or unknown.

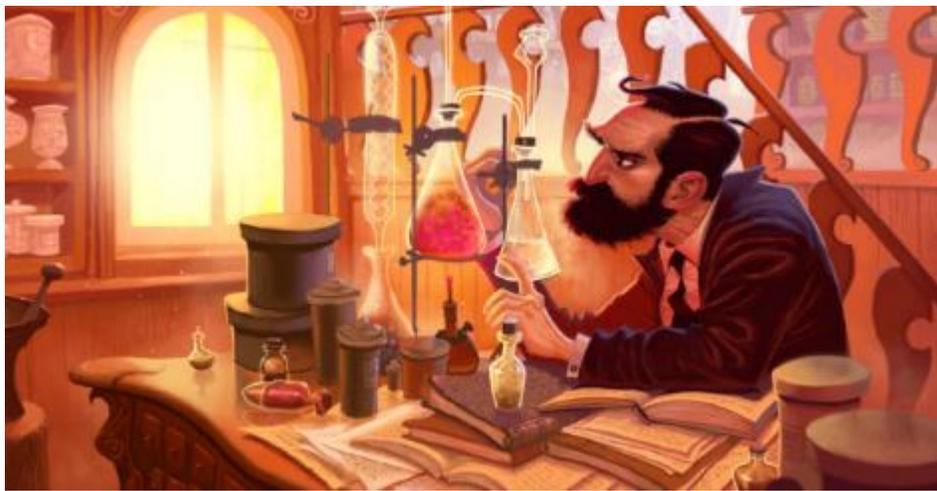
Can you identify the determiner(s) in the sentence below?

The wolf had been chasing him for miles, so he took off his tie and jumped into a nearby tree.

Lesson 3

Professor Plum





Can you write your own story using this as a starter?

Story starter!

Professor Plum had been locked away in his laboratory for days now, barely even stopping to eat or drink.

He rested his left arm on the dusty pile of books scattered across his desk, and with his right hand he gently flicked the conical flask in front of him. The red and orange liquid inside coughed and spluttered as heat from the Bunsen burner excited it from below.

Professor Plum wiped his weary eyes; only the excitement of finally finishing the potion kept him awake. Just a few more hours, then it would be ready...

Question time!

Who is Professor Plum?

What potion is he making?

Has the Professor chosen to lock himself away?

Why hasn't he had any sleep?

What might the vessels and books on the table contain?

If you could make any magic potion, what would you make?

What do you think the Professor keeps in his pockets?

Sentence challenge!

What sounds might you hear in Professor Plum's laboratory?

Can you use your senses to describe what it would be like to be in there?

Perfect picture!

Imagine you have the power and ingredients to make any magic potion. Can you draw and describe your creation?

Lesson 4

Fairytale Ending



Sentence challenge!

Imagine you are standing on the edge of the clearing about to cross the field.

How do you feel?

How might you move towards the door?

Can you think of better verbs than walked?

I walked across the field towards to door.

Can you improve this sentence by adding a more powerful verb? Can you improve it in any other ways?

Question time!

Who is the girl in the picture?

Where has she come from?

What stories have been told in her village for centuries?

What do you think she hopes will be inside the house?

What will she actually find inside?

Why is she all alone?

What are the golden specks of light that appear at the front of the picture?

How has the girl found this place?

Can you write your own story using this as a starter?

Story starter!

Timidly, she pushed back the branches and peered into the clearing. Sunshine drenched the ground as it poured through the canopy above.

She had been following the trail of clues for days, and she had finally reached her destination. Were the stories true? Was this really the place people in her village had talked about for centuries?

She hoped her own story would have a fairytale ending, but in the back of her mind a sickening thought arose – what if something more sinister waited ahead?



Perfect picture!

Can you draw what it is like inside the house? What does the girl see as she enters?

Lesson 5

Expecto Patronum





Story starter!

The Patronus Charm is difficult to produce, and many witches and wizards struggle to produce a full Patronus: a guardian which generally takes the form of the animal with whom they share the deepest affinity. For Severus Snape however, a wizard trained and experienced in the Dark Arts, it was easy.

He felt a slight tingle from the end of his wand as he swished it in a smooth, subtle arc. A jet of flawless, pale-white light danced from its tip, and the Patronus began to take form in front of him...

Can you write your own story using this as a starter?

Sentence challenge!

Can you identify all of the verbs in the following sentences?

Professor Snape flicked his wand and a stream of bright light shone into the night. A bright, white doe appeared in front of him. He smiled as the doe danced across the forest, but began to frown when he saw the Dementor approaching.

Perfect picture!

Can you draw your favourite character from Harry Potter performing a spell?

Question time!

What form does Severus Snape's Patronus take?

Why do you think the Patronus charm is a particularly difficult spell to cast?

Why has Snape performed the charm?

Where do you think Professor Snape is?

What might be about to happen?

Is anyone else in the Forbidden Forest with him?

Do you know of any other creatures that dwell there?

Do you know what form Harry Potter's Patronus takes?