YEAR ONE	WRITING TO ENTERTAIN			
Compositional choices	 Pictures or illustrations can help the reader see what you are writing about in their mind Use a title to hook the reader's interest and to know what the writing might be about 			
	 Stories usually have a main character and the reader needs to understand what happens to them Sentences go in order of what happened in a story so that the reader can follow more easily – this is the plot of the story Introduce idea of fall-rise story shape for basic narrative structure Use labels or captions to show the reader something they might not know about Use labels or captions to show the reader something they might not know about You could speak to the reader directly, using 'you' if you need to tell them or ask them to do something 			
Sentence construction	 A sentence is an idea about a person or thing (noun) with action, thought or feeling (verb) A reader needs spaces between words so that they can understand and follow the writing Writers can join words together with 'and' to make connections between things (e.g. I ate fish <u>and</u> chips) To avoid the reader becoming bored, join sentences together with 'and' to create better rhythm and flow 			
Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation choices	 Careful choice of nouns and verbs help the reader to create a picture in their minds Including adjectives to describe a noun helps the reader to create a more specific picture in their mind A reader needs a full stop at the end and capital letter at the beginning of each sentence so that they know where one idea ends and another begins Instead of a full stop, a question mark at the end of a sentence shows the reader that they will need to read the sentence differently An exclamation mark at the end of a sentence helps the reader to know that this shows a stronger positive or negative feeling Capital letters for places of people and places help the reader to understand that this is a proper noun Writers also use a capital letter for the personal pronoun I because this is the name we call ourselves and the reader can't miss us! 			



YEAR TWO	WRITING TO ENTERTAIN	WRITING TO INFORM		
Compositional choices	 Writers select and stay in the same (consistent) tense to avoid confusing the reader – usually simple present or simple past t The present progressive and past progressive tense is often used to indicate that something is or was happening when anoth occurred at the same time 			
	 Use of sound and other senses to develop clear picture for reader to develop mood (show not tell) Speech bubbles let characters talk and this shows the reader more about the character – what they are thinking, feeling or doing A simile that compares a subject with something similar helps the reader to create a picture in their mind Use of alliteration helps to create rhythm and mood, or sometimes for humorous effect Introduce other story shapes - slow rise and slow fall 	 Diagrams show the reader more details about the important parts of what they are finding out about Some information (such as instructions) needs to be in the correct time (chronological) order if the reader needs to follow clear steps or learn about something that happened in the past When we provide information to our reader, this information is usually in the simple present tense or simple past tense 		
	 Exclamatory sentences are sometimes seen in fairytales, usually to express a surprise or strong emotion (usually starting with 'What / How + noun phrase + verb) 	 Sometimes we might need to tell our reader to do something – these are command sentences 		
Sentence construction	 Writers join sentences together with other coordinating conjunctions including and, or, but – these conjunctions all carry different meanings for the reader to understand how the ideas are connected Instead of using 'and' too often, we should use a full stop so that the sentence does not become too long for the reader Writers can also join sentences together with subordinating conjunctions including when, if, that, because – these conjunctions are different to others because when we put them at the start of an idea it does not make sense on its own 			
Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation choices	 Including adjectives to describe a noun (expanded noun phrases) helps the reader to create a more specific picture in their mind Including adverbs to describe a verb also helps the reader to create a picture in their mind about how the action is happening Apostrophes are used to show the reader when something belongs to a person or object (apostrophes of possession) and where letters are missing when two words are joined together (apostrophes of contraction) – this punctuation mark makes it clearer for the reader to understand Commas can be used to separate items in a list, so that the reader can identify each separate item more clearly with a short pause in between 			



YEAR THREE			WRITING TO PERSUADE	
Compositional choices	 Paragraphs break up the writing into manageable chunks for the reader to read and follow Writers usually select and stay in the same (consistent) tense to avoid confusing the reader – usually simple present or simple past tense The present progressive and past progressive tense is often used to indicate that something is or was happening when another event occurred at the same time (Y2) The present perfect tense can be used to indicate the something started in the past but is still relevant now 			
	 Dialogue can introduce a character and tell the reader more about them Build upon show not tell techniques: e.g. to develop mood of setting; description of character appearance and behaviour shows the reader how they might be feeling, along with their inner thoughts Introduce use of power of three for repetition and/or emphasis (e.g. listing adjectives in groups of three) Zoom in (more detail) & spend longer on the most important moment in the narrative to ensure that the reader is fully involved in this section Stories or descriptions are usually written in first-person narrative (I went) or third-person narrative (They/ he/ she/ Bilal went) Introduce other story shapes (fall, then rise; rise-fall-rise; fall-rise-fall) to help guide the plot structure Story openings: usually open with either: action, dialogue or description of setting or character Story endings: can end with a moral message, happy ending, surprise or cliff- hanger 	 Use paragraphs to write about a different topic or sub-topic Headings and subheadings breaks down information into manageable chunks or parts for the reader and make specific information easier to find Might include quotes from people to provide more information and add interest for the reader 	 Often use 'you' (second-person narrative) to put the reader on the spot and make them think Use facts to support opinions to make the reader take the writing more seriously Sometimes use rhetorical questions to make the reader think more deeply about the subject Use of alliteration helps to make a phrase more memorable and stick in their mind 	
Sentence construction	 Vary rhythm of sentence structure by including a range of simple, compound and complex sentences in writing (using coordinating or subordinating conjunctions to join ideas including when, if, because, although) to keep the reader wanting to read on Including adverbs to describe a verb also helps the reader to create a picture in their mind about how the action is happening Prepositions and prepositional phrases tell the reader where things are and where and when things happen 			
Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation choices	• Use inverted commas for readers to clearly understand where a character is speaking – when they start and finish talking			



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YEAR FOUR	WRITING TO ENTERTAIN	WRITING TO INFORM	WRITING TO PERSUADE	
Compositional choices	 Revise statements from Y3, ensuring that children are confident with irregular version and the character (show not tell) Use a new paragraph to show when a new or different character is speaking or when the setting changes Zoom in and out to move quickly or slowly in a story – add more detail according to what is important e.g. introduction to new character or setting Onomatopoeia describes sounds and brings these to life for the reader to use all senses to feel the setting being described, the action or how a character is feeling Personification brings objects to life so that the reader can connect something to what they know or linger on a particular image that might be unusual Use of metaphor creates a vivid picture in the reader's mind Build upon use of story shapes (fall, then rise; rise-fall-rise; fall-rise-fall) to help guide the plot structure 	 Paragraphs are used to organise ideas around a theme, to write about a different topic or sub-topic Headings and subheadings breaks down information into manageable chunks or parts for the reader and make specific information easier to find Might include quotes from people to provide more information and add interest 	 Include anecdotes to support and provide evidence for the point you are trying to make Use of power of three to make something more memorable for the reader and make them think about it for longer 	
	 Story openings: usually open with either: action, dialogue or description of setting or character Story endings: can end with a moral message, happy ending, surprise or cliff-hanger 	for the reader		
Sentence construction	 Precise noun choices to replace any non-specific or vague nouns – often adjectives are unnecessary with a better noun choice Add detail to expanded noun phrases with adjectives before the noun or prepositional phrases before or after the noun – this allows the reader to visualise based on greater detail in the description Fronted adverbials provide more information or detail before the main idea of the sentence follows – it can be a useful way to move on the writing in time or place 			
Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation choices	 Use of pronouns in place of a noun to avoid repetition and boring the reader Punctuating speech – comma to separate the dialogue and the speech tag; new paragraph for new speaker; inverted commas around what is being said – all makes it totally clear for the reader to follow along Use a comma after a fronted adverbial – this allows the reader to take a short pause and realise that the adverbial is a group of words that carry meaning and will add detail to what comes next Use an apostrophe for plural possession – to make it clear to the reader whether the item or thing belongs to an individual or a group (e.g. the girl's bikes/ the girls' bikes) 			



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YEAR FIVE	WRITING TO ENTERTAIN	WRITING TO INFORM	WRITING TO PERSUADE	WRITING TO DISCUSS	
Compositional choices	 Dialogue can be used to advance the action in a narrative, as well as convey character Use a new paragraph can also be used to show when the time or mood shifts within a narrative Create atmosphere through description of the senses, setting, character actions in order to shape the mood felt by the reader, and through use of figurative language such as simile and metaphor Create suspense and tension by varying sentence length (long and without pause to create sense of rushing, then short and sharp, even fragments, at height of tension) to guide reader to feel tension with their breath during reading Use of assonance to link to sounds within words and create rhythm (poetry/ rap) Story endings: can end with a reference to the beginning of the story (feels cyclical) 	 Formality in writing exists on a scale from very informal – very formal, depending on the audience and purpose of the writing More formal writing usually avoids contracting words so that it does not mimic everyday speech (e.g. 'do not' instead of 'don't') More formal writing usually avoids phrasal verbs (e.g. turn up; look into; call off, etc) for more precise verb choices 			
		 Use bullet points to convey information precisely Underline important words or phrases that you want to draw reader's attention to 	 Use of hyperbole/ exaggeration to support the point being made and make the reader pay attention Use of adverbs and modal verbs to indicate degree of possibility and urge the reader to act 	 Very clear points of view presented to show either side of a debate, discussion or argument Obvious signposts to the reader to signal when they will be encountering a different viewpoint Avoids confusing facts and opinions and makes this difference very clear for the reader (e.g. Some people might believe that) 	
Sentence construction	 Relative clauses provide additional information to the reader, using the relative pronouns who, which, where, when, whose, that Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time, place, number or tense choices helps the writer to connect to other parts of the writing, to zoom out or shift time or place, without confusing the reader or boring them with unnecessary detail 				
Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation choices	 Remove unnecessary adjectives and adverbs for more precise nouns and verbs Use of comma to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity – commas can be placed to group words together based on their meaning & they can break up the sentence for the reader to manage more easily Brackets, commas or dashes for parenthesis are useful to place extra information for the reader into them and allow the reader to see how this information is separate to the main clause 				
	 Ellipsis to show a feeling of suspense, force the reader to pause, draw out an idea or time or show speechlessness in dialogue Colons can set up a surprise or dramatic pause 	Colons can direct your reader to pay attention to what's next, and can also set up longer list of items			



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YEAR SIX	WRITING TO ENTERTAIN	WRITING TO INFORM	WRITING TO PERSUADE	WRITING TO DISCUSS
Compositional choices	 Dialogue can be used to convey character (show not tell) or move on the action (plot device) Use of the past perfect 	 Formality in writing exists on a scale (very informal – very formal) depending on the audience and purpose of the writing More formal writing usually avoids contracting words so that it does not mimic everyday speech (e.g. 'do not' instead of 'don't') More formal writing often avoids phrasal verbs (e.g. turn up; look into; call off, etc) for more precise verb choices Informal speech structures might use a question tag after a statement (for example: He's your friend, <i>isn't he?</i> These are your shoes, <i>aren't they?</i>) 		
	tense in narrative can be useful – if already writing in the simple past tense – to show that something occurred before the time being narrated	 Use full range of layout devices to support and guide reader to follow and understand e.g. bullet points, columns, tables, headings, subheadings, diagrams Use of passive voice to affect the presentation of information in a sentence – guides the reader's focus to the object rather than the subject 	 Use of controlled hyperbole/ exaggeration to convince the reader without overdoing it! Use of passive voice to direct – or deflect – the reader's attention to what they should focus on to suit the agenda, sometimes leaving out who or what was responsible (did the action) Use of subjunctive & pronoun 'one' to speak to the reader without using 'you' in more formal situations (If one were to) 	 More formal writing may use the subjunctive to make a suggestion to the reader in conclusion (e.g. In conclusion, I suggest that people recycle daily in order to make a difference) Careful use of adverbials to maintain cohesion for the reader (e.g. On the other hand In contrast) Use of modal verbs to indicate possibility in measured and unbiased way (e.g. Some people <u>might</u> argue that)
Sentence construction	writing or moments with	cross paragraphs using full range of cohesive devices , such as repetition of a word or phrase, linking back to previous points within the nents within a narrative [e.g. use of adverbials such as 'on the other hand' or 'several weeks later'] and ellipsis, to ensure that the reader lows and wants to read on		
Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation choices	 Placement of speech tags before, in between speech or after speech to vary how dialogue is presented 	• Semi-colons can be used to separate longer or more complicated items in a list in order to provide clarity for the reader		
	Semi-colons, colons and sentence structure for the		s – this can be instead of using a coordinati	ing conjunction, for example, to vary the

