

# Writing Mat

Working towards Year 5

## Punctuation Power!

A	Capital letters for the start of sentences, names and places.
.	A full stop at the end of a sentence.
!	Exclamation marks for exclamations or surprise.
?	Question marks for questions.
'	Apostrophes for showing something belongs to someone and to mark missing letters in contracted words, e.g. didn't
,	Commas to separate items on a list and to mark fronted adverbials and clauses.

### Have you...

- made your verbs and subjects agree? was/were did/done
- written in the correct tense and person?
- written in paragraphs?
- included all the features of the genre?



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## Splendid Subordination!

Use these conjunctions to create super complex sentences:

if because as  
before after until  
unless since when

Can you use subordinate clauses in different places in your sentences?

After Superman arrived, the dangling bus was saved from the cliff top.

## Expanded Noun Phrases: Get Descriptive!

a magnificent, sparkling necklace with priceless diamonds

the ferocious, snarling beast inside the cage

the breath-taking, scenic view beyond the valley

## Can You Sneak in an Extra Clause?

Use 'which' or 'who' to add extra information! Be careful with your commas!

The Queen, who has reigned for 60 years, has four children.

Hedgehogs eat garden snails, which is important within the food chain.

## Marvellous Modals!

Include modal verbs to show possibility:

can/ cannot could/ could not  
should/ should not might/ might not  
must / must not may/ may not  
would/ would not will/ will not  
ought/ ought not

## Spellings: I need to know many of these:

accident(ally)	consider	grammar	natural	question
actual(ly)	continue	group	naughty	recent
address	decide	guard	notice	regular
although	describe	guide	occasion	reign
answer	different	heard	occasionally	remember
appear	difficult	heart	often	sentence
arrive	disappear	height	opposite	separate
believe	early	history	ordinary	special
bicycle	earth	imagine	particular	straight
breath	eight	increase	peculiar	strange
breathe	eighth	important	perhaps	strength
build	enough	interest	popular	suppose
business	exercise	island	position	surprise
busy	experience	knowledge	possess(ion)	therefore
calendar	experiment	learn	possible	though
caught	extreme	length	potatoes	thought
centre	famous	library	pressure	through
century	favourite	material	probably	various
certain	February	medicine	promise	weight
circle	forward(s)	mention	purpose	woman
complete	fruit	minute	quarter	women

## Front it Out!

Use fronted adverbials with a comma to help to link sentences and paragraphs:

Time: At that moment, On Saturday, Finally,

Place: Over the bridge, Inside the chest, Beyond the clouds,

Frequency: Every few weeks, Never before, Occasionally, Often,

Manner/ Behaviour: As quick as a flash, Breathing heavily, Waiting anxiously, Without warning, Totally overwhelmed,



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Expected Year 5

Use a mixture of simple, compound and complex sentences.  
Use a thesaurus to up-level your vocabulary choices.

Check for tense, subject/verb agreement, person, paragraphs and genre features!

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can could should  
might must may  
would will ought

(and their negative versions)

Could you pop in an adverb of possibility?

surely possibly  
certainly perhaps

## Super Suffixes!

-ation preparation sensation  
-ous courageous curious  
serious  
-ly gently angrily frantically

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## It's All Relative!

Use a 'which', 'who' or 'that' relative clause to add extra information:

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The stench was so putrid that it made her eyes water.

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accommodate	correspond	hindrance	recognise
accompany	criticise	individual	recommend
according	curiosity	interfere	relevant
achieve	definite	interrupt	restaurant
aggressive	desperate	language	rhyme
amateur	determined	leisure	rhythm
ancient	develop	lightning	sacrifice
apparent	dictionary	marvellous	secretary
appreciate	embarrass	mischievous	shoulder
attached	environment	muscle	sincere
available	equip(-ped)	necessary	sincerely
average	equipment	neighbour	soldier
awkward	especially	nuisance	stomach
bargain	exaggerate	occupy	sufficient
bruise	excellent	occur	suggest
category	existence	opportunity	symbol
committee	explanation	parliament	system
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competition	forty	privilege	twelfth
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conscious	government	programme	vegetable
controversy	guarantee	pronunciation	vehicle
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## Greater Depth Year 5

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Use a relative pronoun to add a relative clause.

who, which, where, when, whose, that

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They had ventured deep into the forest where they began to feel uneasy.

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