

Let's Practise at Home

Writing a good sentence



Target: to use a range of punctuation.

Practise activities:

1. Be active.

Learn the actions for each type of punctuation then act out your sentences.

2. Change the punctuation.

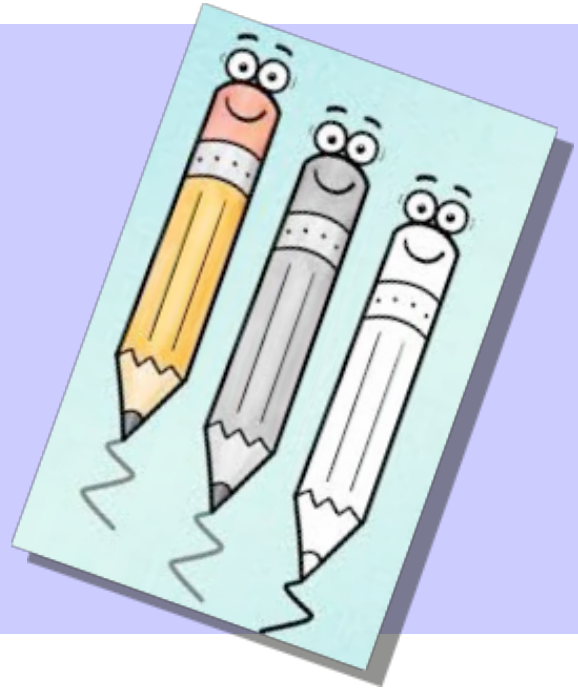
Can the sentence you write be turned from a statement to a command to a question?

3. Hunt the punctuation.

Find punctuation all around. In books, on signs, on the internet, on the side of the cereal packet! Assign 'points' to each type of punctuation and total up your hunt.



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Target: to use more interesting vocabulary.

Practise activities:

1. Don't say 'went' say...

Replace 'went' with a better word.

The old man went down the hill. ~ rolled, walked, ran

The frog went into the pond. ~ hopped, fell, slid.

Other words to replace: said, good, nice, big, walked.

2. Word of the day.

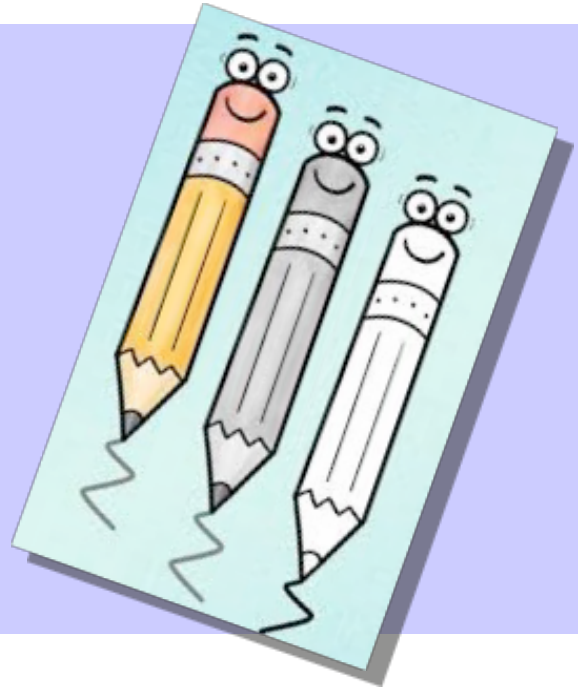
Learn how to say it, spell it, it's definition, put it in a sentence, earn 'points' everytime you use it (in the right context), find it in a book?

3. Be a Magpie.

Keep a note of interesting or new words that you hear, read or learn.



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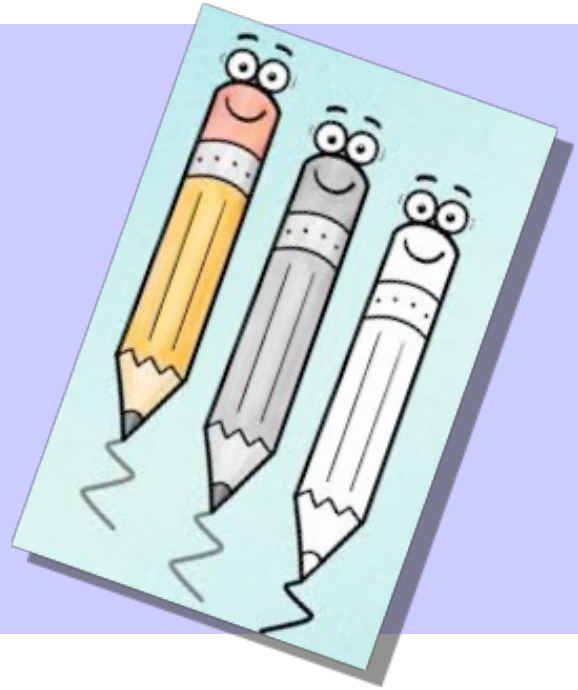
Target: to write for different purposes/reasons.

Practise activities:

1. Write a story to share with your class.
2. Send a postcard to a relative.
3. Write a description of your favourite book character.
4. Pretend to be a pirate and write a 'message in a bottle'.
5. Write a letter to ... Father Christmas, the tooth fairy, your friend etc.



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Online Resources:

1. **www.educationcity.com**

The children use this website in school and the PTFA kindly fund the cost of Home Access. The site reinforces learning via activities, learn screens and thinkits. Click on the English section to find relevant writing activities.

2. **www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters**

Use the website to help generate story or sentence ideas.

3. **www.storylineonline.net**

Fall in love with writing by being inspired by real authors. Read or listen to the books to 'magpie' ideas and learn what makes a good story.

