

Y8

English Revision Guide:
Writing

Tips for Success!!

Do...

- ✓ **KNOW** your target level.
- ✓ **KNOW** the criteria/skills needed to achieve your target level for **WRITING**.
- ✓ **REVISE** - spelling, punctuation, grammar rules (see recommended web links).
- ✓ **PRACTISE** - Describe tasks (see class mind-map ideas)
- ✓ **LEARN** - spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors corrected in exercise books.
- ✓ **USE** dictionaries/thesauruses to develop and extend your vocabulary (online or book) - aim for **5-10 new words** per week.
- ✓ **PLAN** your writing - how will you succeed in the tasks? How can you extend and develop ideas in detail and show your skills with language?
- ✓ **CHECK** your writing - does it make sense? Is it accurate? Is it varied, interesting and imaginative? Does it meet the task requirements? Have you consistently and accurately paragraphed and punctuated?
- ✓ **IMPROVE** - Cross out, change, correct! Make sure it is the very best writing you can do!

Assessment Focuses - What you will be tested on!

Can you...

AF1	Use a variety of sentence structures to make meaning clear and create effects?
AF2	Write accurately using appropriate and varied punctuation?
AF3	Plan, paragraph and organise points in an effective and appropriate sequence?
AF4	Link points and paragraphs clearly and effectively?
AF5	Write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts?
AF6	Produce a text that is appropriate to task, reader and purpose?
AF7	Select and use appropriate and effective vocabulary?
AF8	Use correct spelling?

Action targets: Record below 3 Assessment Focuses that *you* need to work on to improve *your* writing and complete appropriate revision tasks from this booklet.



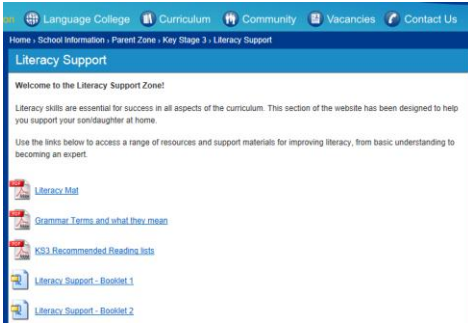
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2. _____



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Useful websites (not just for revision!!!)

1. <http://www.princehenrys.co.uk/page/?title=Literacy+Support&pid=224>

This section of the PHGS website has been specifically created to support you!

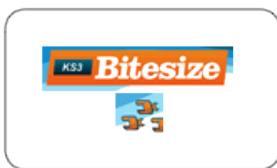
Here you will find useful information and activities to improve and extend essential reading and writing skills. Whatever your ability, there is something here for you:

- (a) Booklet 1: Help understanding the basics;
- (b) Booklet 2: A chance to develop existing skills;
- (c) Booklet 3: An opportunity to really challenge yourself and become a literacy expert!



2. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/grammar/>

This excellent website has great online games, tests and activities, as well as clear and helpful explanations of spelling, punctuation and grammar rules. Visit relevant sections to revise and test your understanding of vital writing skills.



3. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize/english/writing/>

This is another very helpful website with further online games, tests and activities. This website also has specific advice on skills tested for different writing styles, audiences and purposes. The sections listed below should be especially helpful in the forthcoming exam:

1. **Preparing, planning, checking**
2. **Sentences**
3. **Formal and informal writing**
4. **Tone and Style**