

# Writing: non-negotiables

## Year 3

Working towards the Y3 expected standard			
Plan and hold a sentence before writing it.			
Organise narratives into an opening, middle and end.			
In non-fiction, use the correct features for the text type.			
Use well-chosen adjectives to add detail.			
Use the co-ordinating conjunctions 'and', 'but', 'so' to join clauses.			
Use capital letters to begin a sentence and proper nouns.			
Use full stops to end sentences.			
Spell correctly at least 75% of the statutory common exception words from the KS1 list.			
Form letters correctly and use spaces between words.			

Working at the Y3 expected standard			
In narratives, describe settings and characters using carefully chosen words that earn their place.			
Structure writing correctly for the job it should be doing.			
Use paragraphs to organise ideas.			
Use simple past and present tenses correctly and consistently.			
Join clauses using co-ordinating conjunctions and punctuate correctly.			
Use DAN (determiner, adjective, noun) noun phrases.			
Use pronouns to stop repetition.			
Use adverbs and prepositions to add detail to writing and build a better picture for the reader.			
Use question marks correctly.			
Use exclamation marks to show expression and at the end of 'what' and 'how' exclamations.			
Use commas for lists.			
Use apostrophes for contraction mostly correctly.			
Use inverted commas to show spoken words.			
Spell correctly at least 50% of the statutory common exception words from Y3/4 list.			
Spell using rules and patterns from the Year 3 list accurately.			
Form all letters correctly. Make ascenders, descenders and capital letters clear. Use correct spacing between words.			

Working at greater depth within the Y3 expected standard			
Master all Y3 expected standard objectives.			

In all writing, demonstrate an awareness of the reader with accurate and effective use of grammar, vocabulary and punctuation. Ensure writing is engaging and maintains the reader's interest through conscious manipulation for effect.

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