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adv	erbs and Y2 verbial urases	 ✓ Begin sentences with an adverb/adverbial phrase and reposition in different places within the sentence (e.g. 'ly' word, quickly). *
	Y3	 ✓ Use adverbs/adverbial phrases that position in time (e.g. then, next, soon, later that day, as dawn broke). ✓ Use adverbs/adverbial phrases that build a relationship or cause (e.g. therefore, as a result).
	Y	✓ Use 'where' adverbial phrases in fronted position in sentences (e.g. At the seaside, Janice fed the seagulls.).

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		✓ Use 'how' 'ly' adverbs and 'ing' adverbial phrases in fronted position in
		sentences (e.g. Rushing against the clock, Jack knew it would be
		difficult.).
		✓ Use comma after fronted adverbials. *
	Y5	✓ Indicate degree of possibility using adverbs (e.g. perhaps, surely).
		✓ Use a range of adverbs to link ideas: adverbs of time (e.g. later), adverbs
		of place (e.g. nearby) and number (e.g. secondly).
	Y6	✓ Use more complicated adverbial phrases to link ideas (e.g. on the other
	'	hand, in contrast, as a consequence).
		✓ Use adverbs/ adverbial phrases to qualify, intensify or emphasise (e.g.
		'The dog is so exceptionally stupid', 'an exceptional result.').
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sentence	YR	✓ Use pictures to yield more meaning to words.
structure		✓ Add in joining words like 'and' when reading back writing.
) Structure		✓ Write simple words and phrases.
		✓ Add in joining words like 'and' when reading back writing.
	Y1	✓ Write in simple phrases and clauses.
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		start seriterioes with the pronoun 1.
		✓ Start sentences with a name.
		✓ Start sentences in a different way (e.g. Naughty Goldilocks ate the
		porridge).
		✓ Use 'and' to join two words together.
		✓ Use 'and' to join two clauses together.
		✓ Use some simple descriptive words (e.g. shape, colour, size, emotions).
	Y2	✓ Use sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation
		and command. *
		✓ Ask questions to the reader.
		✓ Write long sentences.
		✓ Write short sentences.
		✓ Start sentences in different ways from a name or personal pronoun (e.g.
		One bright morning).
		✓ Include expanded noun phrases for description (e.g. the blue butterfly).
		✓ Write compound sentences that include co-ordination (e.g. or, and,
		but).
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		✓ Write complex sentences that include subordination (e.g. when, if, that,
		because).
		Construct sentences that use adjectives, adverbs and precise verbs. *
		Begin sentences with an adverb/adverbial phrase and reposition in
		different places within the sentence (e.g. 'ly' word, quickly). *
	Y3	✓ Use one word in isolation to grab the reader's attention (e.g. Stop!).
		✓ Add detail into descriptions (e.g. precise words, descriptive noun
		phrases).
		✓ Experiment with a widening range of conjunctions (e.g. while, so,
		although).
	Y4	✓ Ask rhetorical questions to heighten reader engagement (e.g. Can we
		honestly believe?).
		✓ Use more complicated noun phrases: expanded by modifying adjectives,
		nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. The strict geography teacher with
		slick, black hair).
		✓ Use a widening range of conjunctions (e.g. while, so, although).
		✓ Use more complicated conjunctions that set up contrast or relationships
		(e.g. despite, nevertheless, consequently).

		Y5	✓ Create different emphasis in sentences through word order and noun phrases.
			✓ Mix short and long sentences to change, accelerate or show pace for reader.
			✓ Use relative clauses within complex sentences beginning with who,
			which, where, when, whose, that (e.g. Maisie, who was extremely tired,
			finished the race.). ✓ Use verbs ending in 'ed' or 'ing' to start clauses to build complex
			sentences (e.g. Mortified by what he saw, Harry fled the scene.).
		Y6	✓ Use a range of complex construction strategies to build subordinating clauses with verb starts ending in 'ing', 'ed' or adverbs 'ly' followed by
			verbs, relative clauses and subordinating conjunction starts.
	dialogue and	Y1	✓ Use simple speech-like words.
lida	contracted	Y2	✓ Use apostrophes to mark missing letters in contracted forms (e.g. I've,
do it!"	forms		We'll). *
		Y3	✓ Emerging use of inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. *
			✓ Emerging use of other direct speech punctuation (e.g. therefore, as a
			result). *
		Y4	✓ Correct use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate
			direct speech: comma after reporting clause; end punctuation within
	Millian	YR	commas (e.g. The teacher screamed, "Be quiet!"). * ✓ Talk about the part of the story/event that is interesting.
	purpose	111	✓ Add detail orally to a story or an event or an experienced event.
			✓ Arrange writing going from left to right, top to bottom.
			✓ Attempt writing for different purposes (e.g. label, list).
			✓ Invent own compositions but writing might need mediation.
		Y1	✓ Form short narratives/retell short recounts.
			✓ Use relevant words that are about my topic/story.
			✓ Know the purpose and the forms of some simple writing (e.g. labels,
		Y2	message, invitation). ✓ Ideas are mostly suitable for a narrative.
		12	✓ Sometimes the viewpoint is indicated by comments.
			✓ Ideas are relevant for non-fiction (e.g. informative points in a report,
			memories in a recount).
			✓ Include the main features of a genre/text type.
		Y3	✓ Develop multiple ideas in a story enriched with descriptive detail.
			✓ Develop multiple ideas in a story that are factual and precise.
			Maintain the main features of a genre/text type.
			✓ Use headings and group ideas.
			✓ Opening signalled in narrative and non-fiction (e.g. Early one morning, Whales are the largest sea creatures).
			✓ Closing signalled in narrative and non-fiction (e.g. Eventually,
			Ultimately).
		Y4	✓ Ideas are developed in detail (e.g. stories: in-depth description, non-
			fiction: anecdotes, facts and reflections).
			✓ Point of view is maintained throughout the work.
			✓ Include all features of a genre/text type appropriately and consistently.
			✓ Create narratives that create intrigue (e.g. suspense, cliff hangers) or
			non-fiction that is more complicated (e.g. contrasting ideas and opinions).
			opinions). ✓ Structure and organise writing with a clear beginning, middle and end.
			✓ Write sentences that are developed on from previous sentences to form
			a group of connected/related ideas.
			✓ Start a new paragraph to organise ideas around a theme. *
			✓ Use appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences
			to aid cohesion and avoid repetition.

			✓ Openings signalled in narrative and non-fiction with content to capture reader's interest.
			✓ Closing signalled in narrative that is dramatic or link back to opening and non-fiction is strong/draw conclusions.
		Y5	✓ Ideas are developed in narrative and in non-fiction.
		.5	✓ Point of view is clear and controlled with some elaboration.
			✓ Execute a text type/genre by including all features or adapt when
			required.
			✓ Create more complicated narratives (e.g. parallel plot, flashback, parody
			and more controlled non-fictions e.g. language choices support the
			purpose.
			✓ Structure and organise writing with pace in narrative and supporting
			evidence in non-fiction.
			✓ Start new paragraphs to show changes in time, place, event or person. *
			✓ Use devices to build cohesion within paragraphs (e.g. then, after, that, this, firstly). *
			✓ Link ideas across paragraphs using a range of devices (e.g. phrases that
			back reference previous points). *
		Y6	✓ Manipulates reader through the telling of a narrative (e.g. use of
			humour or controls the direction of non-fiction through a range of
			strategies e.g. persuasive devices).
			Convey a convincing viewpoint using the point of view of others to
			support or contrast writer's own opinion.
			✓ Choose style/genre features to maintain and challenge the reader's
			interest (e.g. elaborate detail in narrative or succinctness in police report).
			✓ Adapt well known genres to create difference effects (e.g. fairytales
			with a twist exploring new viewpoint).
			✓ Navigate a reader through a text in a logical, chronological way or
			subvert this (e.g. flash forward, opposing viewpoint).
			✓ Use a range of layout devices (e.g. headings, sub-headings, columns)
			bullets, tables etc).
			✓ Apply paragraphs across a whole text to support the 'ease of
			engagement' for the reader. *
			✓ Write informally or formally appropriate to genre/text type.
			✓ Vary the types of sentences within a piece across simple, compound and
			complex constructions.
- Laurence	paragraphs	Y2	✓ Order writing using line breaks to show new ideas in narrative or use
			numbers in non-fiction.
			✓ Group main ideas together.
		Y3	✓ Begin to understand what a paragraph is and show ideas grouped
		VA	together.
		Y4	✓ Start a new paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme. *
		Y5	Start new paragraphs to show changes in time, place, event or person. *
			✓ Use devices to build cohesion within paragraphs (e.g. then, after, that, this, firstly). *
			✓ Link ideas across paragraphs using a range of devices (e.g. phrases that
			back reference previous points). *
		Y6	✓ Apply paragraphs across a whole text to support the 'ease of
		10	engagement' for the reader. *
	nacius /	Y6	✓ Use passive voice to affect the presentation of information in a
(E	passive / active voice	10	sentence (e.g. The window in the greenhouse was broken.).
	active voice		sentence (e.g. the window in the greenhouse was broken.).
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		Y1	✓ Sometimes use the correct tense and maintain it.
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	past and	Y2	✓	Use correct verb forms (present: she is drumming, past: he was
	present tense			shouting).
			✓	Apply correct tense across a piece of writing including progressive form to mark actions in progress (e.g. they were jumping).
		Y3	✓	Use the present tense form of verbs, instead of simple past (e.g. 'He has gone out to play' contrasted with 'He went out to play').
		Y4	✓	Use standard English verb inflections (e.g. 'we were', 'I did' instead
				of local spoken forms such as 'we was', 'I done').
		Y5	✓	Deploy tense choices that support cohesion by making links (e.g. he had
				seen her before).
			✓	Use model verbs to show something is certain, probable or possible – or not (e.g. might, should, will, must).
		Y6	✓	Use the subjunctive form of the verb to emphasise formality, urgency or
				importance (e.g. The teacher insists that her pupils be on time).
(12.00)	punctuation	YR	√	Use full stops at random.
((15)/				May use a capital letter at the start of writing.
		Y1	✓	Sometimes use capital letters, full stops, question marks and
			✓	exclamation marks.
		Y2	▼	Use capital letters for names and the personal pronoun 'I'. Use sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation
		12	•	and command. *
			✓	Always use full stops.
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			✓	Use capital letters more than 50% of the time.
			✓	Use apostrophes to mark missing letters in contracted forms (e.g. I've,
				We'll). *
			√	Use exclamation marks and question marks.
		V2	∨	Use the apostrophe to mark singular possession (e.g. the girl's bag). Emerging use of inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. *
		Y3	∨	Emerging use of inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. Emerging use of other direct speech punctuation (e.g. therefore, as a
				result). *
		Y4	✓	Correct use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate
				direct speech: comma after reporting clause; end punctuation within
				commas (e.g. The teacher screamed, "Be quiet!"). *
			√	Use apostrophes to mark plural possession (e.g. the boy's name, the
			./	boys' names). Use comma after fronted adverbials. *
		Y5	▼	Use brackets, dashes and commas to indicate parenthesis.
		13		Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity (e.g. 'Let's eat dad.'
				or 'Let's eat, dad.').
		Y6	✓	Use semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between
				independent clauses (e.g. It's snowing, I am delighted.).
			√	Use of the colon to introduce a list and use of semi-colons within lists.
			√	Use bullet points to list information.
POON	MTASTICs		v	Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity (e.g. recover or re-cover).
BUUIV		YR	√	Add onomatopoeic sounds to pictures (e.g. Wheeee! Crash!).
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Buzz		Y1	✓	Use onomatopoeia to grab the reader's attention (e.g. Splash!).
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(b, th,	alliteration	Y1	√	Use alliteration to make the reading interesting (e.g. The dark, deep, cave.).

	rhyme	Y2	√	Use rhyme for effect (e.g. He was snoring and roaring.).
on and	repetition	Y2	✓	Use repetition in a basic way that follows story models (e.g. run, run, as fast as you can).
		Y3	✓	Write sentences that use repetition of key words for impact (e.g. He ran and ran. He ran until his bones ached.).
	simile	Y3 Y4 Y6	✓ ✓ ✓	Use the word 'like' to build a simile (e.g. Her eyes were like deep pools.). Use the word 'as' to build a simile (e.g. The was as slow as a hearse.) Use symbolism as a reoccurring idea to emphasise a themed motif (e.g. an ongoing reference to water). *
	metaphor	Y4 Y6	✓ ✓	Use metaphor to create vivid images in the reader's mind. Use symbolism as a reoccurring idea to emphasise a themed motif (e.g. an ongoing reference to water). *
	pathetic fallacy	Y5 Y6	√ √	Use pathetic fallacy to mirror and extend character's emotions (e.g. aspect of nature or weather reflects feeling). Use symbolism as a reoccurring idea to emphasise a themed motif (e.g.
		10	V	an ongoing reference to water). *
Pito	pun	Y5	√	Use pun to enhance the double meaning of language (e.g. The cheetah, a predatory cheater of the jungle.).
The parties		Y6	√	Use symbolism as a reoccurring idea to emphasise a themed motif (e.g. an ongoing reference to water). *
	personification	Y6	✓	Use personification to give human attributes to inanimate objects/things. Use symbolism as a reoccurring idea to emphasise a themed motif (e.g. an ongoing reference to water). *

^{*}These statements apply to more than one lens.