

Make Your Writing Sparkle! Year 5 and 6

Text Structure

- Opening that includes setting (of time and place) and introduces characters.
- A series of events that builds up.
- Complication (s).
- Resulting events.
- Resolution and ending.



Sentence/Word level Features

- Written in the first or third person.
- Written in the past tense.
- Chronological.
- Main characters are human or animal contrasting 'good' and 'bad'.
- Use time connectives eg *first thing that day, later on...*
- Dialogue used in different tenses.
- Verbs used to describe action, thoughts and feelings.
- Language effects used to create impact eg *adverbs, adjectives, expressive verbs, similes...*
- Some use of repetitive structure eg *but the first tasted too hot... but the second tasted too cold...*

Traditional Stories

Making The Text Interesting

- Be clear about the key events.
- Rehearse by retelling before writing.
- Use words and phrases to link the tale together.
- Add detail to make the story interesting.
- Keep the characters obviously 'good', 'bad', 'silly', 'lazy'...
- Use some repetitive lines eg *he huffed and he puffed...* especially if you want the audience to join in.
- You can alter the setting and details but events must stay the same eg *Snow White in New York*.
- Re-read the tale aloud to see it reads well.