

Year 1 Creative Writing: A Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

This step-by-step explanation to creative writing can help you support your child's learning at home. Each subject is broken down into manageable chunks, providing you with a simple guide to follow when exploring creative writing together, either as part of homework or if you decide to give your child some extra support. Whether your child is beginning to create simple sentences and record their thoughts and ideas in simple phrases, or they are using a variety of different prompts to use their imagination to explore more subjects, you will find a step that matches where your child is at as well as some ideas for where to go next.

Within this area of the website, you will find a selection of resources intended to help your child learn about each step of this guide. Each step also contains a keyword or phrase that you can use to search the Twinkl site for more resources and activities, designed to support your child in achieving that stage. Simply type the keyword or phrase into the search bar and press enter to explore together.

You can also click onto each step of the process to be taken directly to a resource that will help you explore that area of learning.

Traditional Stories



We hope you find the information on our website and resources useful. The contents of this resource are for general, informational purposes only. This guide is intended to offer parents general guidance on what subject areas tend to be covered in their child's year group and where they could support their children at home. However, please be aware that every child is different and information can quickly become out of date. There are some subject areas that we have intentionally not covered due to the nature of how they are taught or because a trained professional needs to teach these areas. We try to ensure that the information in our resources is correct but every school teaches the national curriculum in its own way. If you would like further guidance or are unsure in any way, we recommend that you speak to your child's teacher or another suitably qualified professional.

What Is Creative Writing?

In year 1, your child will start to explore how to create simple sentences. A simple sentence is made up of one independent clause, that has a **subject** and a **verb** and expresses a complete thought:

Joe went to the shops.

They will practise saying sentences out loud, remembering those sentences and then recording them using their writing skills. They will also read their sentences back to themselves and other people.

Over the course of year 1, your child will explore a range of topics and stories and write about a variety of different things in a creative way. Through rewriting and creating their own stories, your child will use their imagination and creativity.

As well as using the resources found in this category and the suggested keyword searches to help your child with creative writing, a few ideas for games and activities to help your child learn how to use adjectives and adverbials, both in their spoken language and in their writing, are described below.

Read, Read, Read!

- One of the best ways to develop your child's imagination and creativity is to explore stories together. Spend time together reading and encourage your child to read stories to you. Giving them the opportunity to hear different types of stories can help their imagination and vocabulary to grow.

Change a Story

- To get your child's creative juices flowing, why not ask them to change parts of a familiar story? What if 'the three little pigs' were actually 'the three little rabbits'? What if Goldilocks had also tried on the bears clothes? 'This jumper is too large, this jumper is too rough, but this jumper is just right.'

Memory Games

- To help your child remember sentences that they create, why not have a go at some memory games at home? Choose a few items from around the house and place them on a tray. Allow your child time to look at the items, then cover them up. How many of the items can your child remember and name?

Name the Character

- This game is a great way to help your children become familiar with different characters from stories. You could try using a traditional fairy tale. Choose a character from the story and say a sentence to describe them. The other players then have to guess which character you are describing. If they can't, say a second descriptive sentence. Continue until they can guess the character, then swap roles.



Step 1

Traditional Stories

Before your child starts to write their own creative sentences and stories, learning about a range of different stories can help them develop their imagination and creativity. By reading traditional stories together, your child will explore imaginative settings, events and characters. They'll also learn different ways that stories work as well as devices that writers use to create their tales. To help your child become more familiar with stories, you could try sequencing and retelling events from the stories together or use role play to act out different parts of the tales. You and your child could try taking a look the traditional story of Little Red Riding Hood with this presentation.

Create Sentences

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Step 2

Narrative Writing

Once your child has begun to master creating, practising and recording simple sentences, they will then move onto joining these sentences together to make short stories. They will begin to combine everything they have learnt so far; joining their knowledge of other stories with their ability to create, rehearse and write simple sentences. With the help of these creative writing prompts, your child could look at the different images and try to use them to create short stories. Encourage them to use their imagination and creativity to describe what they think is happening in each picture and what might happen next.

Step 3

Edit Sentences

Once your child has explored a range of different stories and has begun creating their own short stories, they will need to reread what they have written and check that it makes sense. They will also begin to identify some ways that their sentences could be made better. With the help of these display posters, your child could try improving their sentences. This could include checking for full stops and capital letters, identifying some words that may not be spelt correctly and spotting words that they could change to add more detail to their description

Step 4

Explore and Discover More

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