

Thursday 25th June 2020

Mystery Stories

Hi Yachts!

Let's start with some joined handwriting practise – write out the poem below making sure to join the letters carefully (don't join capital letters).

Born on Monday
Christened on Tuesday
Married on Wednesday

Read through the first, second and third paragraphs of your mystery story which you have written already. Now go back to your story plan from Wednesday 17th June and remind yourself of the solution to your mystery.

Today we're going to write our final paragraph, which is when the main character solves the mystery. Make some notes in the template below to help with your plan.

How does your main character solve the mystery using the clues he or she has?
Does everything turn back to normal at the end?
How does your main character feel when he or she solves the msytery?

Go back to our work from yesterday and read my third paragraph. Notice how my final paragraph below follows on from it.

“No way!” Jonny sighed as he stood open-mouthed.

“I knew it!” I said with pleasure. In front of us, looking as though it had been there forever, was my house. You see, when Jonny said how strange the number 13 was, it reminded me of something my parents often said. On our way to the supermarket, we always passed an empty piece of land in between two houses – number 12 and number 14. The land had become overgrown and wild flowers of all colours grew up out of the soil. Most people thought that this spot was an eye-sore but my parents loved it. Just as I was remembering this, my mum and dad stepped out of the front door and giggled when they saw our shocked faces. “Oh you found your own way here, did you finish Scouts early?” asked dad.

“I’m sorry we didn’t tell you that we were planning to move but we thought it’d be a nice surprise,” replied mum.

“You moved the whole house! I thought that when people move house they leave the old one where it is?” I asked with confusion.

“Yes but we love this house so much and we found a moving company called Rocket Moves who are trying out a new steam technique. It worked rather well I think,” explained mum. It did work well and my parents are very happy with our new garden of wild flowers. The best part is, the new place (number 13) is on the next street to Jonny’s house!

Can you spot these things in my paragraph?

- A and an used correctly before a noun or adjective
- **Challenge:** Different sentence openers
- **Challenge:** Time and cause conjunctions

Now it’s your turn – use your notes above to write the final paragraph of your story – it should be about 8-10 sentences. Remember that it must follow on well from your first, second and third paragraphs, you should use your best handwriting and you can use some of the Key Words below. Make sure that you include these things as well as all the excellent writing skills that you already have:

- **A** before an adjective or singular noun that starts with a consonant sound
- **An** before an adjective or singular noun that starts with a vowel sound
- **Challenge:** Different sentence starters
- **Challenge:** Time and cause conjunctions

Key Words				
alibi	crime	frozen	quietly	thudded victim villain witness
banged	culprit	gloom	red herring	
carefully	deduce	hero	reveal	
clues	detective	motive	scuttled	
conceal	evidence	mysteriously	sleuth	
cough	fingerprints	peered	suspect	
creak	footsteps	pounding	suspiciously	

Well done, you have written your own mystery story! Why don't you read all the paragraphs together and listen to how good it sounds?