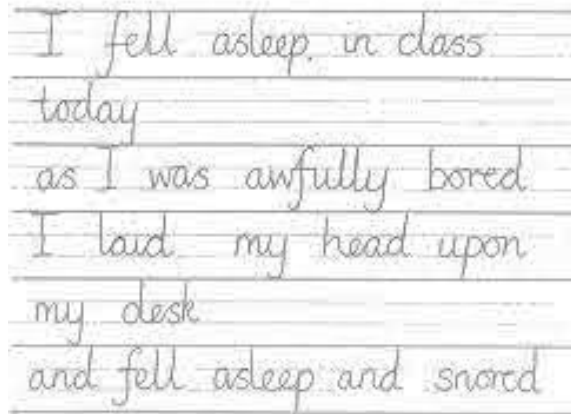


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Character Descriptions

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 the capital letters).



Let's look back at the character description that you wrote yesterday. Read yours through again now.

When writing about a character, we often start all our sentences with 'He has, he is / she has, she is'. This can be very boring for the reader so let's think about using some different sentence starters. On your writing from yesterday, make a mark next to all the sentences that start in the same way so that you can spot them easily. **If you don't have any sentences that start in the same way, well done and have a look at the challenge at the bottom.**

Nina's Example:

Wicked Wanda is 362 years old which makes her the oldest witch in the world. **She** lives far, far away in a dark, stinky cave filled with bats who are her only friends. **She** opens her mouth and a shrieking sound comes out which brings horror to anyone who hears it. The witch has blotchy skin, greasy hair and stooping posture are an awful sight so I hope you never have to meet her. **She** is suspicious of everyone and especially envious of kind people as she is so cruel herself.

Now, re-write your sentences that start in the same way but use a different sentence starter for each one this time. Use my sentence starter ideas to help you (notice that most of these sentence starters have a comma after them):

Sentence Starter Ideas and Examples
Pronouns: <i>Wicked Wanda / she / the old woman / the witch</i>

Verb: <i>Hobbling along</i> , she gathers up the hearts from each child.
Adverb: <i>Disgustingly</i> , she pours fresh children's hearts into the cauldron.
Place preposition: <i>In her cave</i> , the bats flap around her head.
Time preposition: <i>Early each morning</i> , the witch sets off on her broomstick.
Simile (when something is compared to something else): <i>As swift as a bat</i> , she swoops down into children's bedrooms.

Nina's Example:

Pronoun

The old woman lives far, far away in a dark, stinky cave filled with bats who are her only friends.

Verb

Yawning, she opens her mouth and a shrieking sound comes out which brings horror to anyone who hears it.

Adverb

Foolishly, she is suspicious of everyone and especially envious of kind people as she is so cruel herself.

Challenge

Each of these character descriptions contains three mistakes. Can you circle them all?

1. They were dripped with sweat and their faces were so dirty that it took stanley a moment too notice that one kid was white and the other black.
2. a giant of a man was standing in the doorway. His face was almost completley hidden by a long, shaggy mane of hair and a wild, tangled beard. You could just make out his eyes which was glinting like black beetles under all the hair.
3. Rachel wear her green green linen suit and her long white hair was pulled off her forehead with a wide elastic hairband.

4. Madame Zeroni had dark skin and a very wide mouth. When she looked at you her eyes seemed to expand and you felt like she was looking write through you.

5. Inside the floating cloak he was tall, thin, bony. his hair was red beneath the black cap and his face is crumpled and freckled.

Which of these character descriptions could be about a villain (write the number)? What clues from the descriptions make you think this?
