

Writing to explore, imagine, entertain

	Explore	Imagine	Entertain
	Explore thoughts, feelings, issues or events through your writing	Create a different world through writing	Capture the interest of the reader and make them laugh?
When you might use it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Diaries, letters ✚ Newspaper editorials / feature articles ✚ Discursive essays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Stories ✚ Poems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Travel writing ✚ Biographies ✚ Parodies
What style of writing to use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Use modal verbs to show possibility, e.g. could, might ✚ Use connectives to show cause and effect, e.g. consequently, therefore ✚ Use conditional sentences, e.g. If ..., then... ✚ Choose person and tense as appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Figurative language, e.g. metaphor, simile, personification ✚ 'Power' verbs, e.g. 'crept' instead of 'walked' ✚ Variety of sentence length, e.g. short sentences for pace ✚ Punctuation used for effect ✚ Choose of person and tense as appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Colloquial / jargon ✚ Rhetorical questions ✚ Choice of person and tense as appropriate
How to structure it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Use formal or informal style as appropriate ✚ Link your paragraphs <p>Example task: write a diary entry about the feelings of a woman whose family are slowly dying from the plague in 1601.</p> <p><i>My name is Frances Jonson. I am writing this as I wait for my baby to die. It is 1601 and the plague has come to London once again. Already, my two eldest children have gone to God; if life continues for me the way it has always been then today it is my baby's turn and tomorrow - tomorrow it may be me. If I was rich, things would be different. However, the rich have left the city; the merchants lock themselves in their houses and keep the plague out as best they can. The poor - well, the poor have no choice; we have nothing and consequently we expect nothing.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Stanzas or paragraphs <p>Example task: write the first chapter of a story about being alone in a deserted town. Create a frightening world that you are trying to escape from.</p> <p><i>Fog shrouded the town; silent shadows stalked the paths between looming houses, whose eyes watched as I halted beneath the bell tower. Midnight. My breath came in ragged gasps, scorching my lungs and screeching in my ears. How could I escape?</i></p> <p><i>In the distance, strains of faint music crept through the thick fog. I followed them. My footsteps echoed in the air. My footsteps? Someone else was there behind me. Watching me. Following me.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Linked paragraphs ✚ Humorous tone <p>Example task: write a humorous piece for a local newspaper about your town.</p> <p><i>Why should you come to visit Walsall? A town famous for leather, football and accent! Walsall, known locally as the town of 'yam-yams' - otherwise known as the town that time forgot. This is a difficult question - unless you use your imagination. Come to Walsall looking for excitement, shops and luxury hotels...and you will be disappointed. Come with an open mind and low expectations and you may just be surprised!</i></p>