

Writing to inform (KS1)

Text Types

- ◆ Recount
- ◆ Letter
- ◆ Instructions
- ◆ Explanation
- ◆ Report
- ◆ Poster

Text Features

- ◆ Appropriate use of past and present tense

Other Style Ideas

- ◆ Could use a writing frame to structure sections
- ◆ May include images

Grammar and Sentences

- ◆ Use **coordinating conjunctions** to link two main ideas,
Badgers sleep in the day and look for food at night.
- ◆ Use **subordinating conjunctions** in the middle of sentences,
Badgers can dig well because they have sharp claws
- ◆ Use **noun phrases** which inform,
sharp claws, black fur
- ◆ Use **commas** to separate items in a list,
You will need flour, eggs, sugar and water.
- ◆ Use **exclamation sentences** where appropriate,
What a fantastic time we all had!

Adverbials

First Firstly Next After Later
Then After that Finally

Conjunctions

and but so or when
if because

Punctuation Content

- ◆ Use **finger spaces** between words
- ◆ Use **capital letters** & **full stops** to mark sentences
- ◆ Use **question mark**,
Did you know...?
- ◆ Use **apostrophes** to mark possession,
A badger's home is underground
- ◆ Use **apostrophes** to mark contraction
"Don't do that!"



Writing to inform (LKS2)

Text Types

- ◆ Explanation
- ◆ Recount
- ◆ Letter
- ◆ Biography/
Autobiography
- ◆ Newspaper article
- ◆ Instructions

Text Features

- ◆ Paragraphs used to group related ideas
- ◆ Subheadings to label content
- ◆ Technical Vocabulary
- ◆ Formal Language
- ◆ Fronted Adverbials
- ◆ Structure: introduction/
conclusion

Other Style Ideas

- ◆ May be built around a key image
- ◆ Use techniques to highlight key words (bold, underline, etc.)
- ◆ Fact box

Grammar and Sentences

- ◆ Use **subordinating conjunctions** to join clauses, including as openers,
Although they have a fierce reputation, the Vikings weren't all bad.
- ◆ Use **expanded noun phrases** to inform,
A tall dark-haired man was seen leaving the scene.
- ◆ Use **commas** to separate adjectives in a list,
You will need flour, eggs, sugar and water.
- ◆ Use **relative clauses** to add further detail
We went to Downing Street, where the Prime Minister lives, before visiting the Houses of Parliament.
- ◆ Begin to use **present perfect** tense to place events in time,
This week we have visited the Science Museum.

Adverbials

First Firstly Before After
Later Soon Also
In addition However

Conjunctions

Coordinating



Subordinating

When Before After
While Because If

Punctuation Content

- ◆ Consolidate four main punctuation marks (. , ! ?)
- ◆ Use **capital letters** for proper nouns
- ◆ Use **commas** to mark fronted adverbials
After lunch, we went into the museum
- ◆ Use **commas** to mark subordinate clauses
When he was a boy, Dahl did not like reading.
- ◆ Use **inverted commas** for direct speech
- ◆ Use **bullet points** to list items



Writing to inform (UKS2)

Text Types

- ◆ Report
- ◆ Recount
- ◆ Biography
- ◆ Newspaper article

Text Features

- ◆ Paragraphs used to group related ideas
- ◆ Heading/subheadings
- ◆ Use of technical and formal vocabulary

Other Style Ideas

- ◆ May include a glossary
- ◆ Sections may contain more than one paragraph

Grammar and Sentences

- ◆ Use **subordinating conjunctions** in varied positions,
The Polar Bear, although it is large, can move at great speed.
- ◆ Use **expanded noun phrases** to inform,
...a tall dark-haired man with a bright-red cap...
- ◆ Use **relative clauses** to add further detail
We went to Downing Street, where the Prime Minister lives, before visiting the Houses of Parliament.
- ◆ Begin to use **passive voice** to remain formal or detached,
The money was stolen from the main branch.
- ◆ Begin to use **colons** to link related clauses,
England was a good country to invade: it had plenty of useful land.
- ◆ Shift **tense** appropriately.

Adverbials

Meanwhile At first After
Furthermore Despite As a result
Consequently Due to For example



Conjunctions

when before after while
because if although as

Punctuation Content

- ◆ Use **brackets** or **dashes** to explain technical vocabulary
- ◆ Use **semi-colons** to punctuate complex lists, including when using bullet points
- ◆ Use **colons** to introduce lists or sections
- ◆ Use **brackets** or **dashes** to mark relative clauses
- ◆ Secure use of **commas** to mark clauses, including opening subordinating clauses, clarify meaning and avoiding ambiguity
- ◆ Begin to use **colons** & **semi-colons** to mark clauses
- ◆ Use **bullet points**

