



Good morning Grade 7s

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Let's start with some **writing** revision today.

Go over your notes on how to write a good essay.

Remember how important it is to write a well-structured essay, with topic sentences in each paragraph. This is the most important sentence in a paragraph as it tells you what the paragraph is about. This is then followed by supporting ideas, such as examples and illustrations. It is also very important for your sentence structure to be good. Vary the lengths of your sentences and use conjunctions to make your paragraphs more interesting.

Remember:

Types of sentences

- A simple sentence contains only one finite verb and one main clause.

subject + verb + object (The boy kicks the ball.)
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predicate
- A compound sentence contains more than one finite verb and two or more main clauses, joined by conjunctions.

subject + verb + object + conjunction + subject + verb + object
 (The boy kicks the ball and he scores a goal.)
- A complex sentence contains one main clause and one or more dependent clauses.

subject + verb + object, verb + object
 (The boy who kicked the ball, scored a goal.)

Your ideas must flow logically and it is important for the paragraphs and sentences to link together convincingly.

To write a good narrative essay (story), you should write about something that has happened to you, or about something that you know about. Remember to include the key features of a literary text (plot, setting, character, etc.) in your essay.

To write a good descriptive essay (word picture), you should use descriptive words, such as adjectives, so that your reader can imagine what you are describing. Also use your five senses: what could you see; what could you smell; what could you hear; what could you taste; what could you feel?

Plan your essay very carefully. Decide on the main idea. Brainstorm your idea and then draw a mind map and organise your ideas. Draft the essay, edit it, rewrite it and don't forget to proofread the final product.

Choose interesting words for your essay.

A dictionary or thesaurus can help you to choose the best words.



Remember: in your exam you will be writing a descriptive essay!



Do Homework Activity p. 95 in your classwork book.



Do Classroom Activity 8 p. 28 in your classwork book.



Reading: continue reading the next 5 pages of your class reader.

Spelling: revise the first 10 words (spelling & meaning) of Spelling Unit 4.