

# Writing Mat

## Working towards Year 3

Try to use conjunctions...

F	for
A	and
N	nor
B	but
O	or
Y	yet
S	so

Can you squeeze in some subordinating conjunctions?

when	if
that	because

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Super Spellings... I need to know most of these:

door	most	break	again	could
poor	children	steak	grass	would
find	climb	busy	pass	sure
mind	only	people	plant	eye
floor	old	pretty	path	should
because	many	beautiful	bath	who
kind	clothes	after	hour	Mr
behind	cold	fast	move	Mrs
whole	gold	last	prove	parents
any	hold	past	half	Christmas
child	told	father	money	everybody
wild	every	class	improve	even
both	great	water	sugar	

Notice that some words have capital letters

Suffixes stick onto the end of a word:

-ed	-er
dropped	sadder
copied	happier
watched	nicer
-est	-ly
fastest	gladly
biggest	angrily
prettiest	carefully
-ful	-ness
colourful	brightness
playful	happiness
plentiful	loneliness

Using 'a' or 'an'...

an	a
before a word that starts with a vowel: an apple	before a word that does not start with a vowel: a banana

Can you write using paragraphs?  
Paragraphs are a few sentences joined together all linked to the same theme.

Have you included some fabulous noun phrases?

the terrifying dragon	a colourful parrot
a strange, wooden box	a sweet, juicy pineapple

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Know your Prefixes	
un-	means not
pre-	means before
mis-	means wrong
super-	means above
re-	means again
sub-	means under
inter-	means between
anti-	means against
auto-	means self
im/ir/in/il-	mean not

Which is Witch? Don't Muddle Your Homophones	
there/their/they're	
our/are	
two/too/to	
your/you're	
here/hear	

Fantastic Ways to Show Time, Place and Cause in Your Sentences		
Subordinating Conjunctions		
when	before	because
after	while	
Prepositions		
in	during	because of
over	near	until
above	behind	
Adverbs		
next	soon	then
therefore		

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address	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
although	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forwards	library	possess	strange
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	strength
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	suppose
believe	different	group	mention	potatoes	surprise
bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	therefore
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	though
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	thought
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	through
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	various
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	weight
calendar	enough	imagine	often	recent	woman
caught	exercise	increase	opposite	regular	women

Don't forget to organise your writing into paragraphs. Each one needs a few sentences linked to the same theme.

# Writing Mat: Greater Depth Year 3

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actual	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
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Does it All Agree?

Check through your work for:

was/were

is/are

Is your writing in the correct tense?

Mix Up Your Sentences!

Use some longer complex sentences and some short, snappy ones!

Place the model in a cool, dry place until the paint is completely dry.

His heart skipped a beat.

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