

GRAYS TUITION CENTRE – Online Tutoring

WEEK: 4

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Subject: ENGLISH

Year: 7

Lesson Objective:

- Be able to plan our own piece of writing.
- Be able to correct errors in another person's piece of writing

Keywords/ Concepts

- Plan
- oxymorons
- Narrative writing.

Class Worksheets

- For class work- A picture with leading questions to create a plan.
- Oxymoron worksheet.
- Worksheet on correction errors in a piece of writing.

Homework Worksheets

- Analysing the effectiveness of a story written by someone else.

Additional Notes

An oxymoron is a phrase consisting of words that are contradictory.

Oxymoron	Example in a sentence:
pretty ugly	<i>It was a pretty ugly room.</i>
blind eye	
seriously funny	
bitter sweet	
cold sweat	
sweet sorrow	
cruel kindness	
silent scream	
open secret	
living dead	
passive aggressive	
definite maybe	
climb down	

1. Look at the examples of oxymorons above and try to put them into sentences.
2. Add two more oxymorons to the table, with example sentences.
3. Create an illustration to accompany one or more of these oxymorons.
4. There are more than four oxymorons in the following text. How many can you find?

I tried to turn a blind eye to the state of the room. It was the aftermath of the farewell reception for Joe, who had been promoted as a sergeant in 'G' Brigade. 'What an honour for such an "advanced beginner!"' I thought.

The floor was covered in plastic glasses and all items of party food and in the dim light I wondered if Joe was the right person for the job or was he just a clever fool?

Write a story set on a dark night as suggested by this picture.

This question is the basis for the following activities. Here is a similar image:



Task 1: complete a plan

1. Describe setting to be in keeping with the end, including weather:

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2. Describe one child, conveying: innocent, vulnerable, bullied, weak, intelligent

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3. Describe second child: bully, cruel, physical, intelligent, neglected

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4. Describe the game going wrong. Could include a twist:

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5. Loop back to opening:

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Task 2: top tips for narrative writing

Read the advice below and summarise it in four top tips for narrative writing in an exam:

- There is a considerable amount of narrative in this plan, which is quite ambitious! It would take a professional writer at least a day, probably longer, to write even a short 'short story'. In an exam setting, you will probably have just 45 minutes! If you get embroiled in too much plot, you're going to neglect all the other things that get you the marks: imagery, word choice, punctuation variety, careful crafting of structure etc.
- Less is more. Your writing will not be weighed. Many students need to write less and craft more. This means careful planning. If you cross words/ideas out and improve them it explicitly shows 'evidence of crafting'.
- As a rule, never try to have more than two characters – it leads to cumbersome and bland explanations of who's who, which distracts you from where the real marks are.

• **For the same reasons, only ever have one setting – but describe it in vivid detail.**

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Task 4: showing, not telling

'Showing not telling' is the essence of good creative writing. It means making the reading infer what you want them to infer, rather than simply telling them what to think.

For example, the student wants to convey that one character is 'innocent, vulnerable, bullied, weak, intelligent'.

'James was weak, but intelligent. He was bullied all the time, even though he was intelligent.'

This writing *tells* the reader those ideas. Better writing shows the reader these things instead.

Finish the paragraph below to have a go at showing not telling:

Planning a story set on a dark night.

James's scrawny arms and legs were rarely used to lift anything heavier than a pencil. He waltzed through classroom activities with ease. But he often seemed nervous,

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Task 5: narrative writing

Now have a go at writing your response. Here are some more tips for your narrative writing, which you could use as a checklist.

- Plan so that you can include ideas from the start which help prepare the reader for the ending.
- Use your plan to help you.
- Title your writing – but not necessarily at the start.
- Use phrasing from authors you enjoy reading if it fits the genre and style of your piece.

If you need some help you could use this to start with.

The November night was chill, drizzle misting in the air, clinging to coats and hair, impossible to escape. Across the cold city.

Extension if finished:

Read the extract and circle all the errors. Correct them and explain why they are errors! Hint- there's 30 of them!

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Extract 2:

Wood you spend ours watching some-one playing video games
If you has a young person in your house its unlikely that your unaware of the latest gaming phenomenon - Fortnite.
published by Epic Games and with over 125 million players, Fortnite will be a single or multi-player survival game set on modern-day earth. Thanks to a sudden worldwide storm most of the worlds population has been wiped out and those people remaining face attack from zombie-like creatures. Players worked together on missions to collect resorces and build fortificacions weapons and traps to defending themselves against the uprising
Whilst the popularness of such a game may not be surprising, what could be considered surprising is the popularity of watching gamers in action via online streaming platforms such as Twitch. emmett shear co-founder of Twitch compares watching gamers to watching sports stars or chefs on TV: 'You're enjoying watching someone whose really great at it with some entertainment at the same time.
Twitch is a free service, but many chooses to subscribe to other platforms to watch the top gamers like Ninja, who makes millions streaming his live Fortnite action. 'The people who makes the most money surprisingly aren't necessarily the best gamers, their often the ones who are most entertaining,' explains Shear. 'Ninja is a prime example....very high energy, very entertaining to watch.'
Weather you're keen to watch or, like me, it sounds about as interesting to you as watching paint dry, it looks as though Fortnite and it's live streamers are here to stay. At least until the next gaming phenomenon sweeps the world.

Your corrected version:

Homework.

In this task, you will:

- assess the effectiveness of someone else's writing
- propose changes to enhance effects and clarify meaning.

My story

One day, Jack was playing on his Xbox when he got sucked into the game. He didn't know what to do. He looked around and saw a tunnel. A demon began chasing him as he ran towards the tunnel. Luckily, he was fast and got into the tunnel before he was caught. He ran down the tunnel and it brought him back home. The end.

What feedback would you give the writer of this story? Consider the questions below:

1. Was the main character well-developed?
2. Did the writer set the scene well?
3. Was there a good plot?
4. Was the problem interesting or exciting?
5. Was the resolution imaginative?
6. Did the ending explain everything?
7. Was the vocabulary interesting and varied?
8. Did the story have a clear structure?

Write a paragraph giving two (or more) things you liked about the story and suggesting four (or more) things they could do to improve it, with examples. If you're really up for a challenge, you could rewrite the story on the next page.

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