

Big Write

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How you can help your child with their Big Write?



What is Big Write?

Big Write is a whole school process that we use to improve the quality of children's writing. It includes 4 elements which should be applied to all different genres of writing e.g.

- Mystery
- Sci-fi
- Fairytales
- Recounts
- Instructions
- Newspaper reports etc.

The 4 main elements are:

V - vocabulary

C - connectives

O - openers

P - punctuation

V - Vocabulary

Wow words = exciting



vocabulary.

e.g. thunderous, fearful, marvellous, attraction, vibration, patiently, feeling, courage, experience, peak, generously, echo, nervously, worriedly, sensitively, timidly, aggressively, imagination, unfortunate, echoing, doubtful, leap, longing, communication, prefer, nourish, enjoy, emotion etc.....

A piece of writing can be improved by including WOW words.

It was a nice picture.

It was a beautiful, attractive picture.

C - Connectives

Words used to join parts of a sentence to make a longer sentence or to link sentences together.

Low level: and, but, then, because, after

High level: although, therefore, however, meanwhile, furthermore, consequently, nevertheless.

O - Openers

Beginning sentences in different ways.

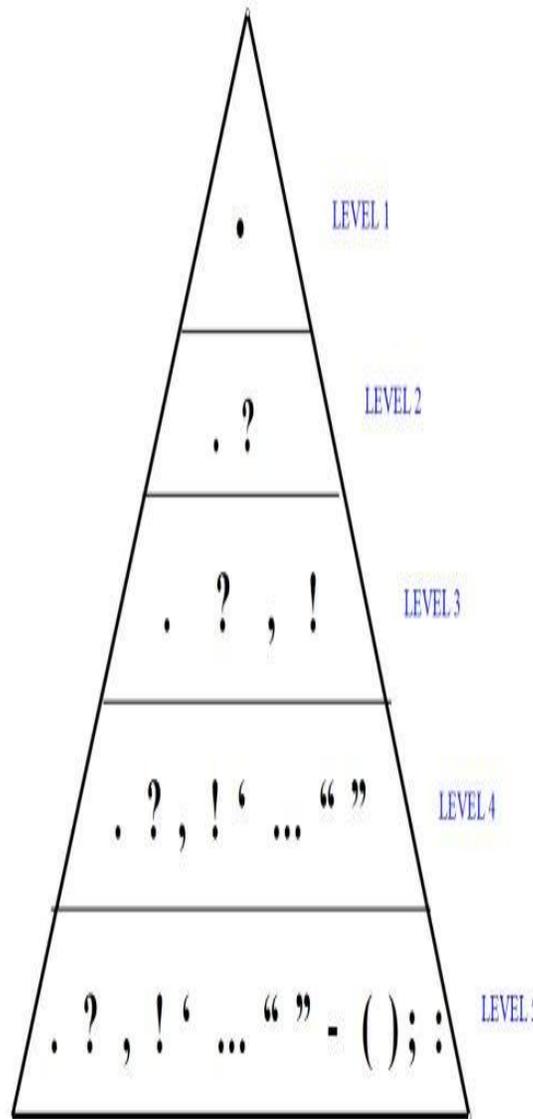
Simple sentence openers use the subject e.g. He ran to the shop.

Connective e.g. Although his feet were sore, the boy ran to the shop.

Verb e.g. Running quickly, the boy made his way to the shop.

Adverb e.g. Quickly, the boy ran to the shop.

P - Punctuation



Punctuation Pyramid

Big Talk Homework

Supporting your child with their Big Talk homework is how you can really help them with their writing. It is an essential element in improving writing as talking and explaining helps children organise their thoughts.

On the night before the Big Write your child will come home with their Big Talk homework letter. The idea of this is that children will have fun and gain a lot from talking about this with you. It is important to ensure that there are no distractions e.g. computer, T.V. etc. Encourage your child to explain their ideas before making any jottings. Key words, WOW words, jottings and drawings are sufficient for all children.

School based research has shown that children who do their Big Talk homework make significant progress.

