



Higham Lane School
Helping Learners Succeed

English Department

Y6-Y7

Transition Work (Writing)

This booklet contains ten writing tasks
for you to try.

Use the knowledge organiser at the back to
help you complete your tasks.

We look forward to seeing you at HLS!

Task 1 – Describe your perfect day

You should include: 5 WOW words/ambitious vocabulary, a simile and use the senses

Task 2 – Write a letter to Mr Emery telling him what you liked about your primary school and what you hope to achieve at Higham Lane

You should include: The school's address, a formal greeting and a formal sign off (Yours sincerely)

Task 3 - All About Me: Write a letter to your form tutor telling them about yourself

You should include: ten facts about yourself, an anecdote and five adjectives to describe you

Task 4 – Describe your perfect holiday destination

You should include: five adjectives to describe the setting, a description of your feelings and a metaphor

Task 5 – Write a film/book review for your favourite book/film

You should include: stars out of five, your personal opinion, five facts about the film and some exaggeration

Task 6 – Write a diary entry about your favourite day at primary school

You should include: Personal pronouns, a quote from a teacher and five words to describe your feelings

Task 7 – Create a description of your favourite superhero

You should include: five verbs to describe how your superhero moves/acts, five adjectives to describe their costume and a triple

Task 8 – Write a guide for new students starting your primary school

You should include: subheadings for each of your topics, five top tips for surviving primary school and some statistics

Task 9 – Create a set of instructions for baking a cake

You should include: subheadings for an introduction and method, imperative verbs for each instruction and an illustration of what the cake should look like

Task 10 – Design an advert for a new computer game or product

You should include: a slogan, short snappy sentences and alliteration for you game/product name

Year 7 Writing Knowledge Organiser

LANGUAGE FEATURES

USEFUL ACRONYMS

Pun
A joke exploiting the different possible meanings of a word or the fact that there are words that may sound alike have different meanings.

Onomatopoeia
A word that imitates the sound it represents.

Personification
A figure of speech in which an object or animal is given human feelings, thoughts, or attitudes.

Alliteration
Repetition of consonant sounds.

Metaphor
A comparison of two things without using the word like or as.

Simile
A figure of speech that uses exaggeration to express strong emotion, make a point, or evoke humour.

Hyperbole
A comparison of two things using 'like' or 'as'.

Irony
A contrast or discrepancy between what is stated and what is really meant, or between what is expected to happen and what actually does happen

Oxymoron
A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction.

Extended Metaphor
When a writer exploits a single metaphor or analogy at length throughout a poem or story.

Imperative A command.

Declarative A statement.

Pathetic fallacy
A type of personification where emotions are given to a setting, an object or the weather.

Emotive language
Language intended to create an emotional response.

Anecdote
A small relatable story to the point being made

Statistic
Numerical figures presented factually

Rhetorical question
A question asked to make the reader think, it does not need an answer

AFOREST

Alliteration, Fact, Opinion, Rhetorical question, Emotive Language, Statistics, Triples and more (Language techniques used in persuasive/transactional writing)

GAP

Genre, Audience, Purpose (Explains how to approach a transactional writing question)

TEE

Topic sentence, Evidence, Explanation (Explains how to write paragraphs in persuasive writing)

TIPTOP

Time, Place, Topic, Person (Explains when to change paragraph in creative writing)

WORD CLASSES	
Noun	The name of a person, object, place or thing
Adjective	A describing word
Verb	An action word
Adverb	Describes and action - how, when, where
Preposition	A positional word
Conjunction	A word to connect two clauses/sentences
Pronoun	A replacement for a naming noun

STRUCTURING A NARRATIVE

Exposition	A narrative device often used at the beginning of a work that provides necessary background information about the characters.
Inciting Incident	An event that begins the action/plot.
Rising Action	Events leading up to the climax.
Climax	Most exciting moment of the story: turning point.
Falling Action	Events after the climax, leading to the resolution.
Resolution	Ends the conflict and leaves reader content.
Cliffhanger	A dramatic moment leaving suspense over what is to come.

Flashback	A method of narration in which present action is temporarily interrupted so that the reader can witness past events.
The one sentence opener	Start with a one-sentence paragraph or rhetorical question. Your next paragraph should then jump back in time. Recount the events leading up to this first line.
Twist in the tale	An unexpected event or quirk in a story, usually at the end.
Flipped narrative	Start with the end - the most dramatic moment (present tense) and then flashback to the events leading up to it.
A tale of two perspectives	Narrative is from one character's perspective and then again from a completely different point of view.

AMBITIOUS VOCABULARY							PUNCTUATION STATION
1. abolish	16. clandestine	31. discern	45. impertinent	59. obliterate	73. relevant	87. undermine	Full stop (.) Used to end a sentence Colon (:) Expands or clarifies clauses/Introduces lists Semi-Colon (;) Joins to complete related sentences Exclamation (!) Used to show feeling or tone Question mark (?) Used when a question is asked Ellipsis (...) Used to show hesitation or missing text Apostrophe (') Used to show possession and omission Parenthesis () Used to add extra information (possibly with more humorous tone) Comma (,) Used to separate clauses but also in up to 14 other ways.
2. adversary	17. coax	32. eclectic	46. incoherent	60. opulent	74. repugnance	88. unprecedented	
3. aesthetics	18. condone	33. encroach	47. iniquity	61. partisan	75. ruse	89. urbane	
4. alleviate	19. conundrum	34. endorse	48. insightful	62. pedantic	76. sanguine	90. vacuous	
5. allude	20. cursory	35. entreaty	49. insolent	63. polemic	77. scrutinize	91. vague	
6. ambiguous	21. cynic	36. equivalent	50. jubilant	64. pompous	78. sentimental	92. vapid	
7. ambivalent	22. debunk	37. extol	51. languid	65. precocious	79. serendipity	93. venerate	
8. articulate	23. decipher	38. fetid	52. largess	66. pretentious	80. shrewd	94. verbose	
9. audacity	24. decorum	39. fickle	53. lavish	67. profound	81. superficial	95. vicarious	
10. banal	25. defile	40. glum	54. lofty	68. prosaic	82. supplant	96. vignette	
11. brusque	26. deride	41. gregarious	55. meticulous	69. provoke	83. tacit	97. vilify	
12. cajole	27. derogatory	42. hackneyed	56. miserly	70. quagmire	84. thwart	98. vindicate	
13. cantankerous	28. detest	43. hapless	57. myriad	71. rebuke	85. transparent	99. wistful	
14. caustic	29. didactic	44. immutable	58. neophyte	72. reckless	86. umbrage	100. zenith	
15. circumspect	30. digress						