

Holiday Challenge: Writing '6 Challenges for 6 days'

This booklet is designed to keep your brains 'ticking over' during the long summer break. Just a few short activities will mean that you return to Year 6 ready to learn and raring to go! Try to really impress your teacher by completing one challenge for each week of the holidays. Circle any activities that you'd like some more help with when term starts again.

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This resource is designed to give you weekly opportunities during the summer holidays to consolidate all that you have learnt so far. You are not expected to write full texts, or to write for long periods of time. However, you should use this as an opportunity to show off to your teachers.

The table below explains what type of writing you will be thinking about each week and what the focus of this writing is. Make sure you consider this before you start writing.

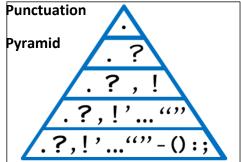
Week	<u>Stimulus</u>	Type of writing	<u>Focus</u>
1	The first week	First person diary	Consistent use of
	of my holidays	entry	perspective (first person).
2	My ultimate	Setting description	Language choices and
	bedroom		variety of sentence
			structures.
3	How to get fit	Explanation text	Organisation of writing.
			Variety of sentence
			openers.
4	Tea with the	Dialogue	Balance between dialogue
	Queen		and description. Correctly
			punctuated dialogue.
5	A letter to my	Letter	Use of appropriate
	hero		language. Organisation.
6	Why we	Persuasive text	Paragraphing. Emotive
	should have		language. Formal
	an extra week		language/tone.
	of holiday		

The next page gives you some useful resources that you may or may not choose to use to support your writing. Make sure you think about the presentation and accuracy of your work. Teachers always recognise and reward effort.



Year 5/6 Spelling list

accommodate	criticise (critic +	identity	recognise	
accompany	mpany ise)		recommend	
according	ording curiosity		relevant	
achieve	definite	interfere	restaurant	
aggressive	desperate	interrupt	rhyme	
amateur	determined	language	rhythm	
ancient	develop	leisure	sacrifice	
apparent	dictionary	lightning	secretary	
appreciate	disastrous	marvellous	shoulder	
attached	embarrass	mischievous	signature	
available	environment	muscle	sincere(ly)	
average	equip (–ped, –	necessary	soldier	
awkward	ment)	neighbour	stomach	
bargain	especially	nuisance	sufficient	
bruise	exaggerate	occupy	suggest	
category	excellent	occur	symbol	
cemetery	existence	opportunity	system	
committee	explanation	parliament	temperature	
communicate	familiar	persuade	thorough	
community	foreign	physical	twelfth	
competition	forty	prejudice	variety	
conscience*	frequently	privilege	vegetable	
conscious*	government	profession	vehicle	
controversy	guarantee	programme	yacht	
convenience	harass	pronunciation		
correspond	hindrance	queue		



Handwriting reminder

A shining light landed at the bottom of the garden. I ran towards it. That was where I went wrong. It was beautiful golden music box, embellished with silver and bronze. My breath caught in my throat; it was the most stunning thing I had ever seen. I opened the lid slowly; a golden light blazed out almost blinding me. Inside was a beautiful clear crystal. The sun filtered through it creating a rainbow on the grass.





The first week of the summer holiday is always the best. Time to rest, relax and bask in the glory of lie-ins, fun things and generally enjoying a proper break. At the end of this first week, write a first person diary entry to tell your diary about it and what you have in store, or hope to do, for the rest of the holiday.

Use this box to plan what you are going to write, including key language you want to include:
Focus: Consistent use of first person perspective.
Task: Write a short diary entry, explaining what you have done in the first
week of the holidays and what else is coming up.
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Imagine you had all the money in the world and you were asked to design your ultimate bedroom. Would it be built like a treehouse? Would it have slides into the bed? Would it be under the sea? You can be as creative and imaginative as you like. Describe this bedroom in precise detail, being certain to use powerful language that really grabs the attention of the reader.

Use this box to plan what you are going to write, including key language you want to include:
Focus: Language choices and variety of sentence structures.
Task: Write a description of your ultimate bedroom.

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We all know how important keeping fit and healthy is. The summer holidays are a great time to increase the amount of exercise that you do and perhaps to try a new sport or activity. Write a short explanation of how to improve your fitness, using the headings below.

Use this box to plan what you are going to write, including key language you want to include:

Focus: Organisation of writing. Variety of sentence openers.	
Task: Write an explanation of how to improve your fitness. Why is exercise important?	
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What you need to get started:					
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How can you improve your fitness?					
What are the positive effects of exercise	<u>?</u>				
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What do you think the Queen talks about over tea? Does she discuss the weather or how her day was? Perhaps she tells Prince Charles off for leaving wet towels in the bathroom? Imagine that the Queen is having tea with her family. Write the conversation that you think they might be having. Remember to include descriptive sentences too, to give the reader more detail.

Use this box to plan what you are going to write, including key language you want to include:
Focus: Accurate punctuation of dialogue. Balance of description and
dialogue.
Task: Write a conversation between the Queen and her family, over tea.

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Who is your hero? Why are they your hero? What would you say to them if you got the chance? Write a letter to your hero, explaining who you are and why they are your hero. Talk about how they have influenced your life and your hopes for the future.

Use this box to plan what you are going to write, including key language you want to include:

Focus: Use of appropriate language. Overall organisation of a text.
Task: Write a letter to your hero.

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It is the end of the summer holidays. Why do they never feel long enough? What if you could persuade your teachers to give you an extra week off? Come up with three key reasons why you deserve an extra week of holiday. Explain these reasons and use your language choices to encourage your teacher to agree with you!

Use this box to plan what you are going to write, including key language you want to include:
Focus: Use of paragraphs. Inclusion of emotive language.
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Task: Persuade your teacher to give you an extra week off, in three
paragraphs.

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