

# Personal Responses

## What are personal responses and why do we write them?

Personal responses are written to summarise and respond personally to a text or other media.

## What structure is needed in a personal response?

A personal response includes:

- context
- opinion or reaction

## What are the main language features?

### Language of opinion

- For example: **I really enjoyed** the part of the movie where....

### Language of cause and effect

- For example: These events occurred **due to the result of**....

## What other features are there?

### Language of description

- For example: Rebecca is a funny, imaginative little girl.

### Language to indicate time/sequence

- For example: **At the beginning of the movie**...

### Tense

- Present Tense, for example: Mrs. Claus **tries** to help Mr. Claus.
- Simple Past Tense, for example: Mrs. Claus **hid** behind the cupboard.
- Past Continuous Tense, for example: Mrs. Claus **was writing** a letter as Mr. Claus tried to leave.

## What skills are needed and developed when writing personal responses?

Observing, summarising and synthesizing.