Welcome to Example Texts

When conducting English lessons, many teachers will spend time looking at an example text (or WAGOLL) with their pupils. In line with the 2014 National Curriculum, this handy example text pack will give you everything you need to explore a genre-specific writing sample with your class.

With increasingly challenging ranges of grammar, punctuation and spelling expectations, this pack illustrates how a year group's word, sentence and whole text level writing aims can be incorporated into one complete piece of writing.

How to Use the Example Text:

Each example text can be used:

- **as a high-quality example for children to aim for in their writing;**
- **for text analysis where children search for genre features;**
- **for children to see how language devices can work in the context of a complete text;**
- **for comparing children's own writing to the standards expected nationally;**
- **as a display piece for a working wall;**
- **to support teachers and support staff in their knowledge and understanding of the 2014 National Curriculum objectives;**
- **to support English subject leaders in developing their subject area;**
- **to support English subject leaders in developing a portfolio of exemplar texts.**

What Each Pack Includes:

In each pack, there is a text example (available in A4 and A3) containing genre features and the relevant SPaG objectives for the intended year group.

Versions of the text are included that are annotated with:

- **genre specific structure and language features, e.g. an introduction, subheadings, etc.**
- **year group specific grammar, punctuation and spelling features, e.g. fronted adverbials, relative clauses, etc.**

The pack also includes a powerpoint, genre features checklists, exemplar or exemplification checklists (for teachers) and child-friendly 'I can' checklists for self and peer assessment if your pupils go on to write their own pieces related to the example.

They are accompanied by small-format word cards, which can be used to highlight features on the A3 version of the example text, and large-format word cards to use for display purposes. There is also a handy word mat that can be used as a writing aid during any related composition tasks.