

# Writing to entertain

### **Text Types**

- Narrative
- Story extracts
- Stories with character/ setting emphasis
- Poetry

### **Text Structure**

- Detailed description
- Use paragraphs to organise in time sequence, place, perspective
- Cohesive—clear story structure (build up for suspense, clear ending)

# Link to other style ideas

 Use a range of tenses to indicate changes in timing, sequence etc

# **Grammar and Sentences**

Refine and control an elaborate use of '\$how not tell' to infer how characters are feeling and develop characterisation through description and speech:

Heart pounding in her chest, Helen crept warily into the cave

'And who are you?' Sneered the King.

• Use long sentences to 'take the reader's breath away' and create a sense of drama using repetition and semi-colons where appropriate:

Over the cobbles, Bethan sprinted, heart pounding in her chest with fear; she raced through Snickelways and leapt over merchants' carts. From alley to alley, street to street she raced as if the devil were on her heels.

Develop an elaborate use of adverbials as sentences starters.

Beyond the dark gloom of the cage, the dragon's eyes

As fast as an arrow, Robin leapt towards the b

burned like fire.

balcony.

• Vary the position of adverbials within sentences:

Gracefully, the swan flew over the lake, under the summer

sun.

Under the summer sun, the swan flew gracefully over the lake.

Use expanded —ing and ed clauses in various positions, including as starters.

Grinning menacingly, he slipped the treasure into his bag.

Terrified of being caught, Tom leapt from shadow to

shadow, heart racing in his chest.

Develop an elaborate and poetic use of similes and metaphors, including personifications

The rain wept down upon the sleepy village.

The wind screamed in the darkness, striking fear into Lara's heart,

# **Adverbials**

meanwhile later that day silently nearby
within moments all night never before
under the treetops -ing openers -ed openers



# **Conjunctions**

if because when while as until whenever once since although

unless rather

### **Punctuation Content**

Use of the **semi-colon**, **colon** and **dash** to mark the boundary between independent clauses [for example, It's raining; I'm fed up; this our chance—our only chance—to make a difference]

How **hyphens** can be used to avoid ambiguity [for example man eating shark versus man-eating shark, or recover versus re-cover

**Linking ideas across paragraphs** using a wider range of cohesive devices: repetition of a word or phrase, grammatical connections [for example, the use of adverbials such as on the other hand, in contrast, or as a consequence), and ellipsis

Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis