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Big? Can I use relative clauses when writing my introduction, build up and problem?

Today you are going to be writing your introduction, build up and problem for your adventure story you planned last week.

The first thing I would like you to do is to have a read of the model adventure story which can be found on the blog under the heading Wednesday then Writing and is titled 'Lost at Sea'. I would like you to read through the introduction, build up and problem of this story.

Once you have read through the example adventure story, I would like you to think of any phrases or words you would like to magpie for your own writing. Use this model to support you with writing your own adventure story.

If you need to clarify the meaning of any vocabulary used within the 'Lost at Sea' adventure story, you can use a dictionary or dictionary.com.

I am going to set you three different grammar challenges for your writing today. Listed below are three things that I would like you to try to include in your introduction, build up and problem. There are examples of each to support you.

1. Relative clause

A relative clause can be embedded (middle of the sentence) or it can go at the end of your sentence. Remember a relative clause is adding extra information about the noun and needs a relative pronoun (who, whom, whose, that or which).

Example: Percy Jackson, who was struggling to believe what he was hearing, felt like his body was going to collapse.

2. Fronted adverbials

Fronted adverbials go at the beginning of our sentences. They can express when, where and how. We must include a comma after our fronted adverbial.

Example: Last Sunday, Quickly, In the distance,

3. Commas to avoid ambiguity

Ambiguity is where something is open to more than one interpretation. We use commas here to help the reader to understand the meaning of the sentence.

Example: Let's eat, Mum.

On the blog you can find the following resources to support you with your writing:

- Model adventure story 'Lost at Sea'
 - Adverbs word mat
- · Feelings, settings and character description word mat
 - Fronted adverbials word mat
 - Punctuation word mat
 - Statutory spellings word mat
 - Synonyms for said