Friday 5th March 2021

Big? Can I use direct speech when writing my resolution and conclusion?

Today you are going to be writing your resolution and conclusion for your adventure story you started yesterday.

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 resolution and conclusion 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 resolution and conclusion. There are examples of each to support you.

1. Inverted commas

We use inverted commas to show direct speech. We use the inverted commas around what someone has said and we must include a piece of punctuation before we close the inverted commas.

Example: "I can't believe you didn't tell me sooner!" cried Percy, you could see the tears begin to form in his eyes.

2. Exclamation mark

We can use an exclamation mark to show that something is surprising or forceful.

Example: "I don't want anything to do with you anymore!" Percy yelled loudly.

3. Pronouns

We use pronouns to replace nouns. Rather then repeating the names of characters, we can use pronouns such as he, she, they, we. This helps to create cohesion within our writing.

Example: He stormed out of the office.

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

Big? Can I assess the effectiveness of my writing?

I would like you to read through your adventure story and check for the following things:

· Capital letters and full stops used correctly

Correct spellings

Sentences which make sense

You are now going to choose one paragraph from your adventure story to edit today. I would like you to improve and re-write your chosen paragraph. There is an example on the blog using the model adventure story. This edited paragraph can be found on the blog and is titled 'Model adventure story - edited version - 'Lost at Sea'.

Think about the following questions when improving and editing your chosen paragraph:

- Have I used a range of sentence types? (complex, compound and simple)
- Have I used a range of punctuation? (brackets, dashes, exclamation marks, question marks, commas, inverted commas)
- Have I used appropriate vocabulary?
- Have I checked my spellings?