



# TALK 4 WRITING

## Fiction TOOLKIT

The STRUCTURE should be taught within all fiction units.

The FEATURES should be incorporated into the model text. Some features are SPAG related.

Other additional SPAG features will need to be incorporated and taught, specific to the needs of the class and to ensure breadth of age expected National Curriculum coverage



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character is familiar from a range of stories</li> <li>Character has a name</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanded Noun Phrases               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Pretty, sparkly tiara</li> </ul> </li> <li>Similes to describe               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o He stood as tall as a tree.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe a character’s emotions using senses               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o A shiver shot up her spine.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Main character has a hobby, interest or special talent               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Simon kept a pet rat called Bob in a cage made of bamboo shoots.</li> <li>• Character has a desire or fear                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Gary had always wanted a pet but could never warm to the idea of having a pet lizard.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name suggests something about the character               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Mr Hardy (strong and tough) o Miss Honey (gentle and sweet)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Details suggest the character’s personality               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Mr Simons, gripping his cane, glared at the two boys.</li> <li>• Show how characters feel by what they do, think or say                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o “GET OUT!’ he snapped, slamming the door.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Show character development – how they feel at the start and end of the story               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Mrs Bonny frowned. Opening.</li> <li>o Mrs Bonny turned to her new found friend and smiled. Ending</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simple speech in speech bubbles on a story map</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show how a character feels through what they say               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o "I'm scared!"</li> </ul> </li> <li>Use alternative words to 'said'               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o hissed, squealed, roared, whispered</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe what a character is doing whilst speaking               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o "No," he hissed, shaking his head.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Move the action forwards by using speech to suggest how a character feels, thinks or what they are like.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o "We can't hang around here much longer," said Steve. "It will be daylight soon."</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main character discusses other characters and reflects on events               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o "William was petrified as he crept through the tunnel. Did you see the hairs on the back of his neck?"</li> </ul> </li> <li>Put the speaker before, after or in between what is said               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Sam said, "So, let's go."</li> <li>o "So, let's go," said Sam.</li> <li>o "So," said Sam' "Let's go."</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use describing words related to colour, size and feel               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o red ladybird</li> <li>o tall giant o soft teddy bear</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Precise nouns to name the character               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Poodle rather than dog</li> </ul> </li> <li>Expanded noun phrases with comma               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Small, round pot</li> </ul> </li> <li>All five senses build a picture of the character               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o His face looked wrinkled, and his beard felt like sandpaper. He smelt awful like a bag of rubbish and when you touched him, he felt cold</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe a character’s emotions using senses               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The shadow darted forwards. Her skin crawled.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Select powerful and precise adjectives, verbs and adverbs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o rusted, overgrown, smeared, smothered</li> </ul> </li> <li>Alliteration adds to the effect               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Sally slept silently.</li> <li>o The dark, damp, dangerous wood.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personification               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The bushes seemed to be holding their breath.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Metaphor               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The sun was a gleaming pearl.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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