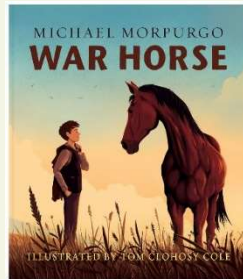


Year Five: English

Knowledge Organiser



We will be reading...



War Horse

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We will be learning to write...

Fronted adverbial sentences

Fronted adverbials are words or phrases placed at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows.

As quick as a flash, Little Red Riding Hood bounded behind a nearby tree.

Sentences with semi-colons and colons

Semi-colons (;)
The wood was silent and absolutely still; Little Red Riding Hood realised that she had not truly seen its beauty until now.

Colons(:)
There was only one thing the wolf wanted to do now: eat that juicy Little Red Riding Hood.

Sentences using dashes

We can use dashes for parenthesis (to add additional information) in an informal way:

The wolf – *who wasn't very cool* – ate his dinner.

Sentences with commas and brackets

We can use commas for parenthesis (to add additional information):
The wolf, *who wasn't very cool*, ate his dinner.

We can use brackets for parenthesis (to add additional information):
The wolf (*who wasn't very cool*) ate his dinner.

We will produce balanced arguments and recounts.

Features of balanced arguments

- The opening paragraph introduces the argument.
- It contains opposing views of for and against.
- There is evidence to support your arguments.
- There is a concluding paragraph that includes the writer's own opinion.
- It is written in the third person (except final paragraph).
- The final paragraph is written in the first person.
- It is written using formal and technical language.

Features of recounts

- Introduction paragraph briefly covers who, what, where and when about the event.
- Written in the first person.
- Written in the past tense.
- Time conjunctions.
- Written in chronological order.
- Quotations from people who were there.
- Concluding paragraph links back to introduction.