



Year 6

Thursday 14th January 2021

Lo: Proofread, edit and improve my short story.



Starter – Look at the picture and describe what has happened.

Can you use:

Powerful adjectives
Adverbs
Adverbials
Similes and metaphors
Personification

You have three minutes.

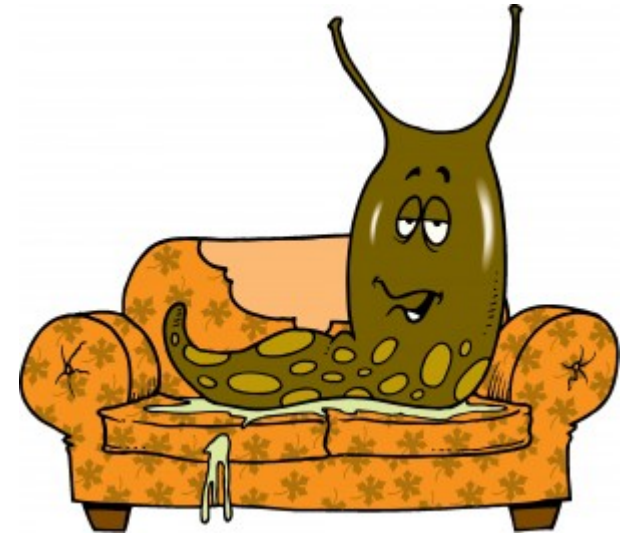
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Which one do you think it is?

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Write a sentence with the word sluggish in?

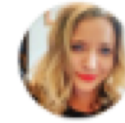
- **Success Criteria**

- I can:

- make sure the story hangs together and that **paragraphs** are **connected**
- use **appropriate punctuation** throughout the story
- re-read my writing to **proof** and **check** for **sense** and **cohesion**
- check and **improve punctuation** and spelling.

THE QUEEN'S GAMBIT

- 30 years
- 9 rewrites
- Was told no one would be interested in Chess.
- The show's streak as one of the most popular limited series on Netflix has also led to massive **interest in chess**-related items. In the first three weeks after its debut, sales of **chess** sets went up by 87% in the US and sales of books about **chess** leaped 603%, according to marketing research company NPD Group. 6 Dec 2020



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The Queen's Gambit has been viewed by 62 million people. The producer, Allan Scott, is on BBC News talking about how it took 30 years, with 9 rewrites, and every studio he showed it to said that no one would be interested in chess.

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THING YOU'RE MAKING

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8,948 Retweets 655 Quote Tweets 42.1K Likes

Examples of stories

WHY WE LOVE THIS:

It was a normal quite day Naruto had just been born everyone was happy until the NINE TAIL FOX DEMON came to destroy and kill everyone in Konohagakure village. Naruto's father Minato Namikaze had to seal the demon inside Naruto to save the Konohagakure village

13 years later

Naruto graduated into the ninja academy and became a shinobi along with [Sasuke Uchiha](#), [Hinata Hyūga](#) and **Sakura Haruno together they set out and defeated bad guys !**

IDEAS TO MAKE IT EVEN BETTER:

Examples of stories

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IDEAS TO MAKE IT EVEN BETTER:

The cursed forest.

Mario a really popular explorer from Indonesia, he is really curious and most of the time he lets curiosity get the better of him. So here is where my story begins, to the north of area 51 there is a massive forest that surprisingly is unnamed. His followers have been recommending him to go to this place even though the security is top notch and will kill anyone who comes in. But Mario won't let that stop him so he goes in, the quite sharp guards are being lazy because it's supposed to be their day off today. So being inside the forest Mario stupidly starts streaming and the guards follow him so when they get a notification they will know that he has got in. 43 MILLION VIEWS but the popularity is his downfall Mario hears a black stealth jet zoom above his head. The stealth jet puts a sign up and it reads 'Get out of the forest right now or you will be put under arrest for trespassing' Mario is terrified he rushes back to the gate and gets out of Southern Nevada and moves back to Orlando where him and his crew stay in a nice hotel.

To be continued...

In the middle of winter in the woods quite as it can be, fog slowly came down until you could not see a thing; it was like you were blind in the eyes. All the plants and trees were dead. Crunching leaves against your feet was like skulls getting crushed. On the grey stone path leading to the unknown, crazily the squirrels rushed beneath the fog.

Whilst the squirrels were running around, they heard foot-steps walking up the path. It was Elisabeth, a 15 year old girl, who liked wandering in the wild winter woods. Elisabeth had very pale skin, blood red lips, as deadly as a snakes bite. Her luscious hair was black as the midnight sky. Before the sun rose she ran to get her umbrellas, because if she looked at the sun or moon with her eyes she would die.....

On that mysterious day, she was strolling when saw a unexpected boy hiding camera's in the trees and bushes. It was Luke, who was 13, he wanted to hide cameras around so he could trick his enemy Elisabeth into his trap.

Many years ago Elisabeth and Luke were best friends until Luke got a new torch and he went to show Elisabeth his new torch. He heard a knock at the door it was his best friend Elisabeth he dragged her in and said ' look what I got it's a new torch'. Elisabeth responded ' AHH!! GET THAT AWAY FROM ME DON'T YOU DARE SWITCH IT ON OR I WONT BE YOUR FRIEND'. However Luke switched it on and shone the light into Elisabeth's eyes and as he turned around he heard a thud. Elisabeth fainted...

She always remembered what happened many years ago. Meanwhile, on the mysterious day she followed the boy to have a quick glimpse and when she turned around the boy appeared. Elisabeth said ' oh look its Luke what are you doing here?'

' Well, well , well look who it is the one and only Elisabeth' he answered. Sneakily he flashed the camera light in her eyes. As quick as flash, she put her umbrella in the air pointing at the light and the light bounced back at the boy into his eyes. 'HAHA!' that's what you get for doing that to me!' yelled Elisabeth.

WHY WE LOVE THIS:

IDEAS TO MAKE IT EVEN BETTER:

My name is Bethany. I am 18 years old, I work at McDonalds. I hate my job, but it pays for money towards the rent. I live with my mum in central London in a terraced town house. My mum is retired and we don't have a lot of money, so our house has leaks and cracks in the walls and windows.

It is a wet miserable night and my mum is at the movies so I am home alone. It's been tough at work and I have had to do a lot of overtime, so I thought I might just take a nap. I fell into a deep sleep in my gorgeous satisfying bed. I shot up in shock after hearing a big bang coming from what sounded like the Attic. I heard a strange scratching noise.. 'what could this be'?

I was scared, I've never been in the Attic before, I imagine it's dark and dusty and full of spiders. I yanked my duvet over my head, hoping the strange noise would go away. I could not stop thinking about what could be up there. I felt anxious and worried but there was nobody around to help me! I went to call my mum, but my phone was dead and I was too scared to leave my room to get my charger. I could still hear the strange scratching sound faintly. I tried to bury my head deeper under the duvet.

I knew I needed to be brave so I chucked my duvet off of me, got my fluffy velvet slippers and my dressing gown on. I opened my bedroom door as it slowly creaked, my body shivered. I was so terrified but I had to do something about this. As I got closer to the Attic the noise became louder and louder. I stood up the battered wooden dented stairs to the hatch and looked around. There was something hanging next to me....it was the cord for the attic light. I turned the light on and it was flickering, I saw a glimpse of somebody crouched down, but I couldn't see who or what it was. I turned the light off and then back on again and there was nothing there. I slowly turned around hoping there was nothing behind me, in the corner of my eye there was my mum with a smirk with blood dripping all around her face . There was no way for me to get back to my room. I went back into the Attic, I could hear squeaking sounds, I looked over and saw to the left of me several dead bodies.

What has my mum done...?

WHY WE LOVE THIS:

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It was a freezing cold night in San Diego, and a bunch of friends were sitting in a bar gulping shots of Hennessy and then all of a sudden there was a loud BANG, “it’s probably just a fire work or something like that” Stated Matt

They all went back home, Matt was taking his dog on a walk, Kieran was playing Fifa 21 on his PlayStation 5 and Tom was watching the news. When Tom turned on the news he saw a place similar to the place him Kieran and Matt where at yesterday, therefore he was intrigued so he carried on watching, and it turned out that it was the same place that the three young boys were at before.

Matt was shocked, he called Kieran and told him the crazy news of the shooting that happened outside the bar they were at, and then soon enough it turned into Chinese whispers, all three of the boys new about it and were all shocked. “I actually can’t believe that happened, the three robbers went into the diamond store and shot the cashier and he robbed millions of dollars’ worth of jewellery “Kieran explained” “these robbers should serve life in prison” claimed Matt, “yeah I know right, but I wish there was some people that would try to prevent criminals from doing these type of things” explained Tom.

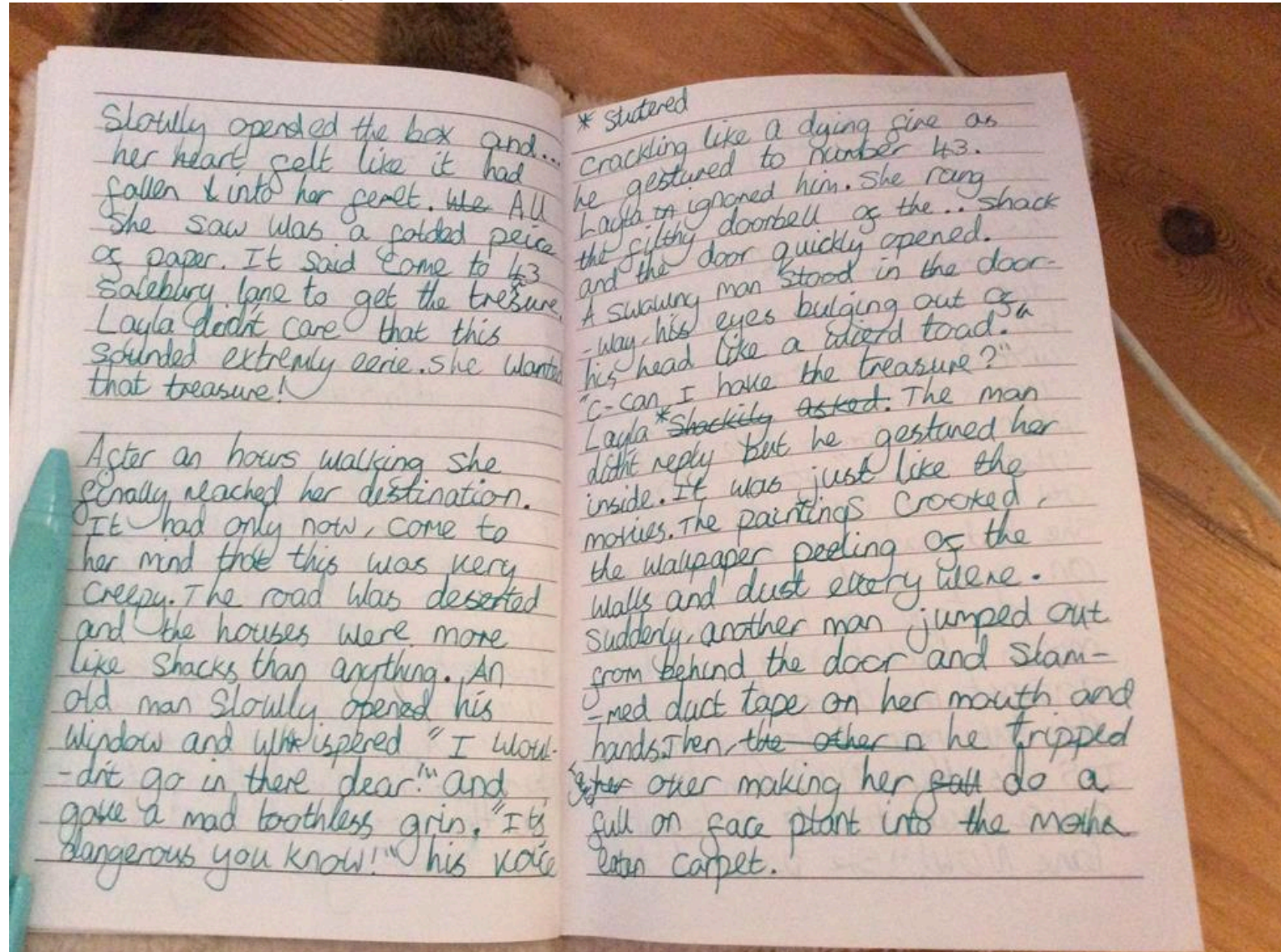
The three boys were sitting on the sofa munching down popcorn and watching the movie the black panther, so then the film finished and the three boys were bored, “guys lets watch the news and see what’s going on in the outside world” stated Tom, “I highly doubt that there’s anything interesting going on” murmured matt, “I know right, Tom u have to realize this isn’t an action packed movie its REAL life” shouted Kieran, “Woah relax it’s not that deep I just want to check just in case” I mean there’s no point but sure go on waste our time”

Tom turned on the TV and at the bottom of the screen it said, BREAKING NEWS! ARMED ROBBERY OF A DIAMOND STORE IN SAN DIEGO! “what no way there has been a second robbery/killing” screamed both Kieran and Matt, “I told you guys anything could happen.”

Examples of stories

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ROOM FOR ONE MORE

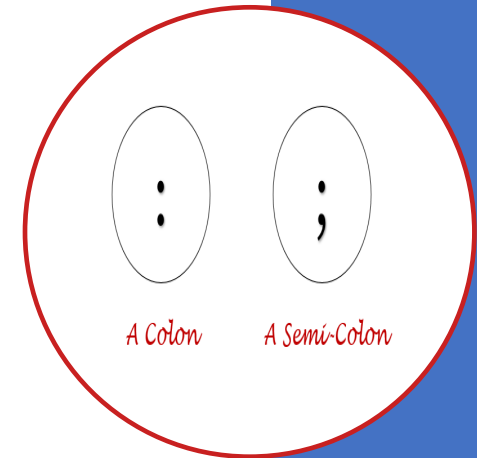
- How difficult it was to sleep in that strange bed! She wrestled with the duvet and thumped the pillow; she turned her back on the flimsy curtains; she wished she had never come up to London.
- That day, she went shopping. In the big store, she did Levis Jeanswear on the fifth floor; she did Adidas Sportswear and that was on the sixth floor; and then she did cosmetics and that was on the seventh floor. Carrying two bags in each hand, she walked over to the lift. But when the bell pinged and the doors opened, she saw the lift was already jammed full with people.



- A semi-colon is the punctuation equivalent of **and**; it can be used to separate independent clauses which are closely linked, less strongly than a full stop.
- It can be useful in linking sentences which are short to build impact.

- **Your task**

- Either:
 - Find two closely linked sentences in your story and join them with a semi-colon.
- Or:
 - Add in another two closely linked sentences in your story and join them with a semi-colon.





COLON



SEMICOLON

Colons and semicolons were initially used to express pauses longer than a comma and shorter than a period. A semicolon consists of a dot above a comma (;), while a colon is a punctuation mark consisting of two dots one over the other (:).

COLON :

1. Introduce lists, series, quotations and explanations.

- He was going to buy three things: chairs, tables, and utensils.
- John wrote: "I wish you a merry Christmas. All affection and best wishes to you and yours."

2. Separate independent clauses.

- They will not make it: the storm is too strong.

3. Show emphasis.

- He was there for one person: his mother.
- You have two choices: finish the work today or lose the contract.

4. Separate units of time.

- Sophia set her alarm clock for 6:30 a.m.



SEMICOLON ;

1. Between items in a list or series when the items themselves contain commas.

- There are eight members on the team: two from China and Japan; three from France and Spain; two from Brazil and Chile; and one from India.
- We visited Thailand, Vietnam, and Singapore in the spring; Germany, France, and Italy in the summer; and South Africa in the fall.

2. Separate two independent clauses while still demonstrating that a close relationship exists between them.

- They came all the way home; even so, they all knew they had to go back once more.
- My daughter is a teacher; my son is a doctor.



Tick these off when you find them in your writing.

Add them in if you haven't got them yet.

- **What do you need to look for when editing your own writing?**
 - Paragraphs
 - Correct punctuation
 - Correct spellings
 - Vivid adjectives
 - Similes/metaphors
 - Personification
 - Powerful verbs
- Extension
- Dialogue
- Adverbials
- Semi Colons

Your story should be approximately 500 words.