

The Importance of Daily Sentence Accuracy

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Daily Sentence Accuracy is a vital element of **Ready Steady Write** and encompasses word, sentence, and punctuation from the statutory National Curriculum programme of study for writing *and* Appendix 2 (Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation). Children *must* demonstrate using these skills across a range of writing to achieve end of year standards. This daily practice also helps build **fluency** and **stamina** for writing. Example sentences are provided for teachers to model explicitly. Teachers of younger children may choose to dictate some of the sentences provided.

Example Sentences & Year Group Expectations

Blue shaded boxes link directly to year group expectations covered in this particular unit *and* are contextualised to the type of writing outcomes expected (e.g. Instructions, Narrative etc).

Example Sentences & Supporting *all* Children

Non-shaded boxes provide contextualised example sentences of **all Word, Sentence and Punctuations elements for the entire year group and the preceding year group**. This helps teachers consider the needs of the children in their classes and any identified gaps in learning. This important feature also allows for:

- ✓ Mixed age year groups
- ✓ Differentiation
- ✓ Reinforcement of grammar yet to be secured

Learn how to use expanded noun phrases for description and specification

The pond was full of crystal blue water.

He had a spiky tail.

He hid in the blue sea bucket.

Explainer: Phrases are a group of words (shown in orange) that make sense but do not contain a verb. A phrase alone is not a sentence.

Develop understanding of how words can combine to make sentences joining words and joining clauses using *and*

It had small wings and feet.

It was sad and alone.






It was happy and he was jumping up and down.

Explainer: The first two example '*and*' is used to join words. In the third example '*and*' is used to join a clause.

NB Teachers may want to provide additional opportunities for Sentence Accuracy work outside of English lessons.

Using the Sentence Accuracy Checker

It is important children check their work for errors and the Sentence Accuracy Check enables children to do this. Children benefit from regular daily modelling of its use by the teacher. It is important to demonstrate how to make additions, revisions and proof-read work. NB use them for extended writing also.

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| Word choice & effect | Spelling | Handwriting | Appropriate punctuation for effect | Read to an adult |

Modelling Sentence Accuracy

When modelling Sentence Accuracy, always indicate grammatical feature by underlining in one colour (orange in example) and circle the punctuation marks in another (green shown in example). Modelling the use of brackets to explain the grammatical feature will also encourage the children to demonstrate their understanding when generating a sentence also with bracketed explanation of their own.

He hid inside the blue bucket. (blue bucket is a noun phrase)