

“Writing  
is the  
painting  
of the  
voice.”  
- Voltaire



# Creative Writing Challenges

**NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT  
NIGHT, A SCRATCHING  
CAME FROM THE SUPPOSEDLY  
EMPTY SPARE ROOM...**

**TELL THIS  
STORY.**

Fill this senses table in with as many adjectives as you can, using the image above.

Sight	Sound	Touch
Taste	Feeling	Smell

# Writing Challenge: Number 1

## Vocabulary Challenge

You need to use the following word:

### Apprehensive:

(adjective)

anxious or fearful that something unpleasant will happen.

## Ingredients you need to include this week:

Parallel sentence structures

Ellipsis

Short sentence

Sensory detail: sound

Prepositional phrase

## Technical Accuracy

Don't forget to:

- Punctuate your sentences accurately e.g. a capital letter at the beginning
- Use paragraphs
- Spell accurately

NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT NIGHT, A SCRATCHING CAME FROM THE SUPPOSEDLY EMPTY SPARE ROOM...

TELL THIS STORY.



Create a detailed description of the bed room, using your senses table to help you.

You must include:

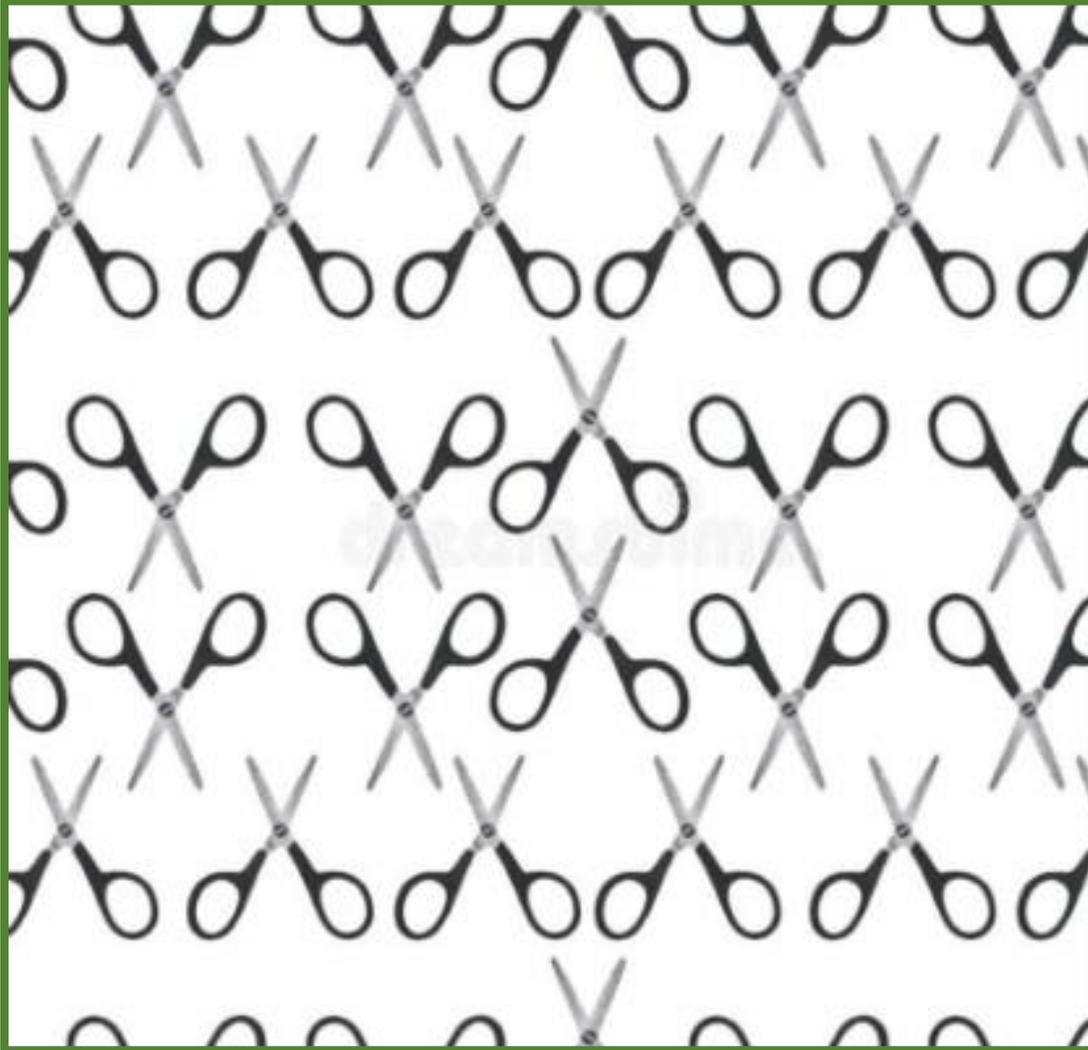
A simile

A variety of sentence structures

Sophisticated adjectives

It must be at least one side of A4

Don't forget to use the word mouldy!



**'DUE TO BUDGET  
PRESSURES, A SUBJECT  
MUST BE CUT  
FROM THE CURRICULUM.  
WHICH ONE  
SHOULD GO?'**

**WRITE A SPEECH  
FOR YOUR SCHOOL GOVERNORS  
GIVING YOUR OPINIONS.**

# Writing Challenge: Number 2

## Vocabulary Challenge

You need to use the following word:

### **Extraneous:**

(adjective)

Irrelevant or unimportant; out of place.

The next slide has a speech I have written, that is annotated – this will help you recognise where key ingredients are being used.

Ingredients you need to include this week:

Anecdote

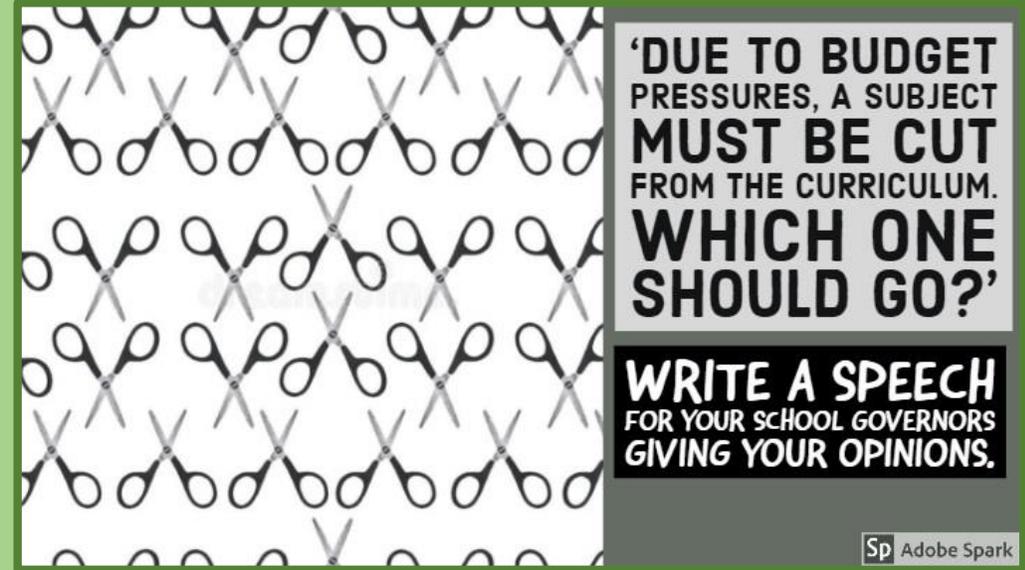
Prolepsis

Brackets

Counter argument

Open a sentence with 'ing'

Your speech should be powerful and passionate – include emotive language.



## Technical Accuracy

Don't forget to:

- Punctuate your sentences accurately e.g. a capital letter at the beginning
- Use paragraphs
- Spell accurately

Good afternoon school governors. Today I am here to offer my perspective when it comes to the most extraneous subject to pupils' education. I'm sure you'll agree with me that drama is the subject that should be removed from the curriculum.

I can already hear your objections: 'It's so expressive', 'it teaches valuable teamwork skills' and 'it builds confidence'. I completely agree. My idea is to remove the lessons, but not the subject itself. I think drama is a vital tool for education and it can be incorporated into other subjects quite successfully. I remember in year seven when, in history, we re-enacted the Battle of Hastings with cardboard swords and shields. It brought history to life in a vivid – and incredibly fun and memorable – way. Roleplaying in French or Spanish is incredibly useful as it makes learning a foreign language practical. In English, drama texts can be performed to learn quotes and explore interpretations. With a little creativity, drama can be built into most subjects.

Also, I'm not advising we cut out the school production or drama club after school. Instead several departments can work together to create a school show, which is vital for letting pupils express their talents and it showcases the brilliance of our school. I do understand that cutting drama will disappoint some pupils who would feel it would restrict the artistic side of school, but you must remember that art, technology, dance and music will remain on the curriculum (and many aspects of those subjects overlap with drama). I won't apologise for protecting the academic subjects because they lead to bright futures, but paired with drama techniques in lessons, we can have the best of both worlds.

Ingredients you need to include this week:

**Anecdote**

**Prolepsis**

**Brackets**

**Counter argument**

**Open a sentence with 'ing'**



TELL THIS  
STORY.

YOUR  
LINE IS  
DETACHED  
& YOU HAVE  
MINUTES  
OF AIR LEFT.  
YOU'RE  
FLOATING  
AWAY...

# Writing Challenge: Number 3

## Vocabulary Challenge

You need to use the following word:

### Trepidation:

(noun)  
A feeling of fear or anxiety about something that may happen.

You should:

Extend your writing  
Use emotive language  
Write from a personal view point

Ingredients you need to include this week:

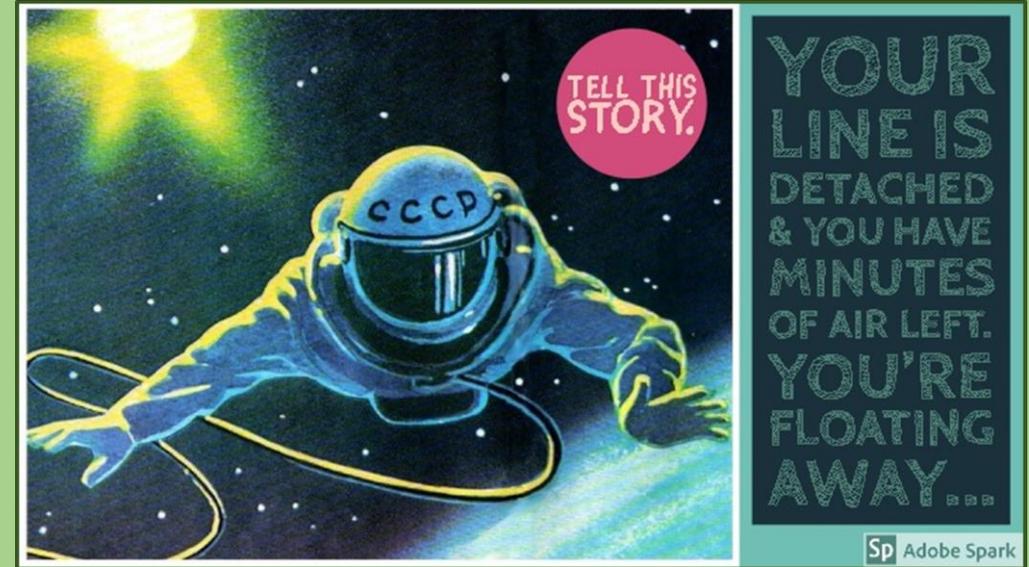
Ellipsis

Double adjective sentence opening

Short sentence

An endless sea of stars watched over me...

Write from the first person perspective



## Technical Accuracy

Don't forget to:

- Punctuate your sentences accurately e.g. a capital letter at the beginning
- Use paragraphs
- Spell accurately

I'd trained for years for that moment and yet nothing could really prepare **me** for it. Miles above planet Earth, **I** was about to step out of the airlock and complete **my** first spacewalk. The mission was to fix a faulty piece of equipment, but I couldn't shake the feeling that the fault was inside of me. **Trepidation and apprehension** travelled through my body. I tried to remember my training; it wasn't supposed to feel that way. My partner tapped my shoulder and nodded. I responded in the same way, relieved that my pale, sweat-covered face was hidden beneath my helmet. Out we went into the black chasm.

**An endless sea of stars watched over me** and, as I looked down on the planet below, I was captivated by the beauty and the surrealness of the situation. My partner attached his safety line to the side of the station and began to float alongside the station, towards the panel we needed to access. Despite the zero gravity, my nerves caused to me to fumble my line and the hook missed the target. I began to float into the embrace of the pitch-black nothingness. Helplessly thrashing around, I radioed for support.

Within seconds, my partner appeared over the edge of the station and prepared to launch himself towards me, pushing off the station. **He leapt. His hand outstretched. Desperate to reach me in time...**

Ingredients you need to include this week:

**Ellipsis**

**Double adjective sentence opening**

**Short sentence**

**An endless sea of stars watched over me...**

**Write from the first person perspective**