

ENGLISH: Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Pathway

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Stage 6	 I can write single words to describe real life objects. I can demonstrate some appropriate uses of spaces between words to establish meaning. I can begin to demonstrate appropriate use capital letters for some names of people and/or places. I can use some given sentence starters to complete my own simple sentences e.g. I played with I went to I can use word banks/lists to support my writing. I can demonstrate my knowledge of initial sounds of words in my writing. I can write phonic based VC and CVC words. I can write most of the decodable and tricky words from Phase 2 letters and sounds.
Stage 7	 I can write single words (adjectives) to describe people and places. I can use 'and' to join words and/or clauses in my written sentences. I can sometimes use of capital letters and/or full stops to demarcate sentence boundaries. I can begin to demonstrate appropriate use capital letters for some days of the week. I can spell some days of the week phonically plausibly. I can write most of the decodable and tricky words from Phase 3 letters and sounds. I can demonstrate some accurate use of some suffixes when adding -s or -es e.g. cats, dogs, buses. I can use some simple spelling rules to inform my writing.
Stage 8	 I can use a capital letter for the personal pronoun 'I'. I can mostly use capital letters and full stops accurately to demarcate a sentence. I can write a short word, phrase or sentence and put an exclamation mark or question mark at the end, as part of a structured

	 teaching session. I can show some use of commas to separate items in a list. I can use a range of verbs in my own writing. I can add the endings -ing, -ed and -er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word. E.g. hunting, hunted, hunter. I can add the prefix -un where there is no change to the root word e.g. unhappy, unfair I can write most of the decodable and tricky words from Phase 4 letters and sounds.
Stage 9	 I can use expanded noun phrases to describe people and places e.g. the gloomy castle. I can use capital letters, full stops, question and exclamation marks to demarcate most sentences with different functions. I can attempt to read my own writing taking into account punctuation used. I can use capital letters for some proper nouns. I can choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion in a short narrative e.g. Jack went to the park. He played on the swing. I can spell all of the days of the week accurately. I can add -er and -est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word. E.g. quicker, quickest. I can write most of the decodable and tricky words from Phase 5 letters and sounds.
Stage 10	 I can understand the term 'adverb' and find examples in writing. I can demonstrate appropriate use of capital letters for almost all proper nouns. I can demonstrate appropriate use of 'or', 'and' and 'but' to link my ideas (co-ordination). I can begin to demonstrate in my writing the present and past tense. I can accurately use apostrophes for singular possession in nouns. I can use the suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly where no changes are needed to the root word e.g. enjoyment, sadness, careful, hopeless, badly. I can spell most words containing previously taught phonemes accurately. I can spell most of the first 100 high frequency words correctly.
Stage	 I can demonstrate appropriate use of 'when', 'if', 'that' and 'because' to link my ideas (subordination). I can demonstrate appropriate use of adjectives, adverbs and expanded noun phrases to describe and specify. I can demonstrate appropriate use of grammatically accurate sentences with different forms of function (statements, questions,

11	 exclamations and commands). I can accurately use apostrophes for contraction and singular possession in nouns. I can accurately use punctuation including capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks to demarcate sentence boundaries. I can spell common homophones and recognise differences in their meaning. I can use suffixes where changes are needed to the root word e.g. happiness, happily. I can spell most of the next 200 high frequency words correctly.
Stage 12	 I can use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. I can use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis. I can use semi colons, colons and dashes to mark the boundary between independent clauses. I can use bullet points to list information. I understand how hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity. I can use adverbials such as e.g. on the other hand, in contrast. I can understand and use ellipsis. I can use my knowledge of the alphabet to locate words in a dictionary and thesaurus.