

The City of Silence

Year 6 Creative Writing Workbook



Over the next 3 weeks, we are going to be exploring creative writing and word play. We shall be getting our creative juices flowing starting with the game

The City of Silence and then we'll use the ideas that come out of it to do a variety of activities: writing short poems, trying some descriptive writing, giving feedback to writers, being a teacher, doing some artwork and finally publishing or performing our work. Throughout the next few weeks, there are 15 different activities that you can have a go at. You can choose which ones interest you or have a go at them all: the choice is yours! Pencil and exercise books at the ready.....and we're off!

Starting Game: The City of Silence

Have you ever wondered what it is like in ...

- ★ the mountain of imagination,
- ★ the castle of doom,
- ★ the city of wonder,
- ★ the maze of wishes,
- ★ or the cellar of despair?

Well, you are about to find out! In this game, we are going to create our own unique settings by combining places and things. Let's get started by making a list of places.

Activity 1: Make a list of place

- ★ Here we want as many different type of places as possible – the more the better. For example: wood, city, shed, street, station, maze, cellar ...



- ★ Top Tip: generic places are what we are looking for here, not the actual names of particular places: we want city not London, planet not Jupiter.



Sorting your ideas

One way to sort your places is to put them into categories. This often helps you to think of more ideas as one idea can lead to another and so on.

Water	Where people live	Buildings	Outer space
lake	town	shed	moon
river	house	supermarket	planet

★ Now over to you to make your lists of places. Can you get more than 50?



Here is the list I made with my class: please feel free to magpie!

Places	
city land island	theme park boat
sea planet	steam river lake
playground school	ocean waterfall
shop field park	dump theatre
country beach	pub cinema core
road classroom	swimming pool caravan
church supermarket	skatepark train station
fairground jungle	airport subway
pyramid car park	library hostel and
restaurant desert	maze labyrinth
house hotel flat	clock museum
mansion cafe	aquarium zoo
construction site	hospital asylum
casino gym	stadium tower
graveyard rainforest	castle cavern