



This activity will run for 2 weeks so take time to enjoy as many stories as you like!

Go to the website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/KNWskPrg7stQ54tTbcf6P7/500-words-the-stories>. Choose a story from the 2019 selection in 10-13 age group. Read, listen, and enjoy as many of these stories as you can before you choose. They have all been written by 10-13 Year olds!

Choose a 500-word story. In your home learning book, write the title of the story and then answer the following as fully as you can.

Write a review – What do you enjoy about the story and what made you choose it? What emotions do you feel as you read it? Is there a twist? Do you relate to any of the characters? Can you visualise the setting? Is it funny, frightening, sad, uplifting, strange? Is there a moral?

Language – Find at least 3 pieces of figurative language (simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia, alliteration, personification) that help the reader to visualise an image. Explain why they are effective.

Vocabulary - How has the author used vocabulary to good effect? Is there any vocabulary you do not understand? Look up and learn the meaning of those words. Are there any words or phrases that you could magpie for your own writing?

Grammar – Can you find examples of the following: Relative clauses to add extra detail (look for relative pronouns who, that, when, which etc), fronted adverbials and adverbial phrases, brackets, dashes or commas for parenthesis. subjunctive tense (if I were you...), a range of punctuation, short and long sentences used for effect?

Visualise – Choose a passage from your chosen story and use the words to create your own image. Only draw what has been described, use evidence to create your illustration.

Write your own 500 Word Story – it is not as easy as it sounds and you will need to choose your words carefully. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/500-words-2019-live-lesson/z6ydscw> the live lesson here might give you some ideas. You could ask someone to film you reading your story or you could send us the written version. We would love to make a book of Year 5 and 6 short stories! Please email your class teacher with your finished pieces.