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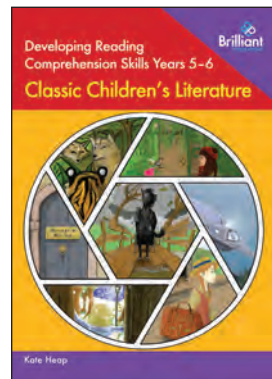


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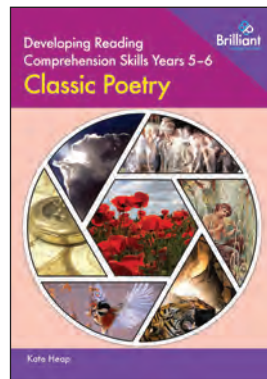


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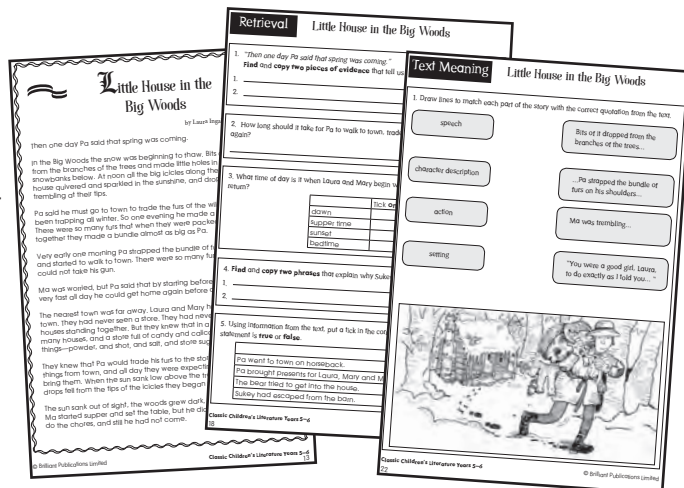
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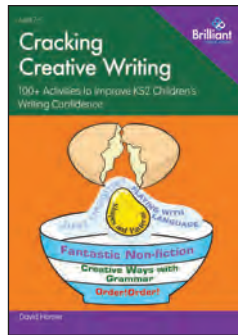
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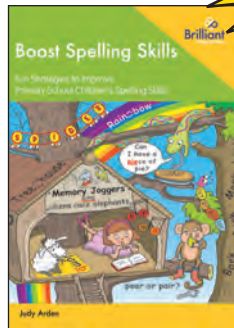
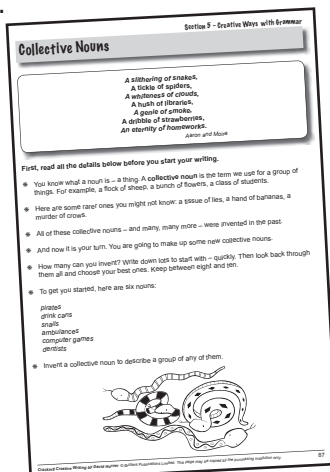
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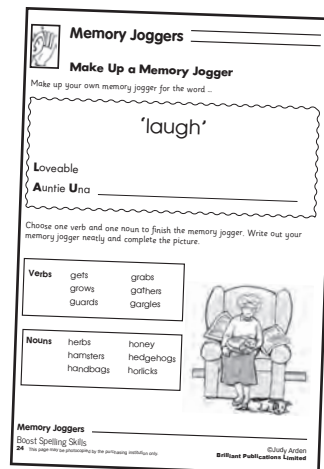
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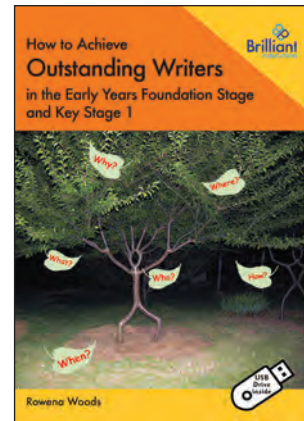


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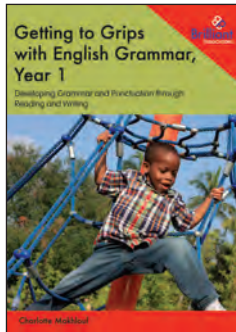
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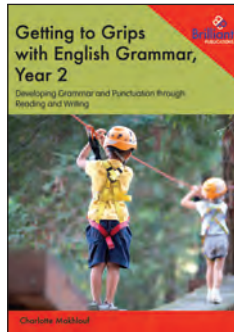
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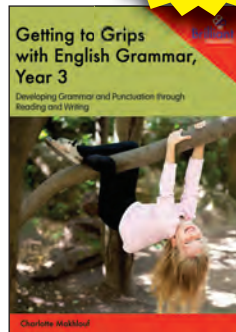
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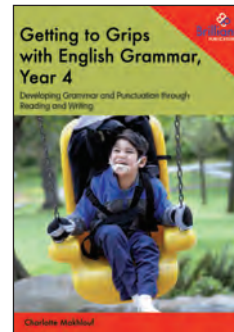
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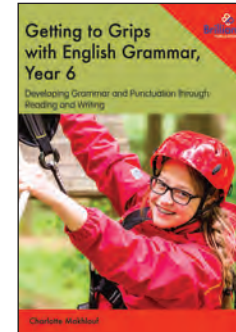
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Each theme starts with a comprehension activity

Sample pages from Year 1 and Year 2 books

Dragon Island

Professor Plumpkin is very excited! She has found Dragon Island! Here is an extract from her diary:

Moona, Beeta and I rowed over to Dragon Island and we headed into the thick jungle, stepping carefully over ground became boggy and sludgy underfoot.

Then disaster struck. One minute Moona was in front was being pulled under by a pool of quicksand! Beeta bellies and threw him a rope. He grabbed hold of it and to safety. We lay shaking with fright for a while.

Suddenly the sky above darkened and a huge wind flared ground trembled. Looking upwards, I gasped in excitement huge dragons soared overhead of where we lay, breath

Highlight all the action words you can find in the passage. Write the action words in the boxes below in sentences of your own.

jumped

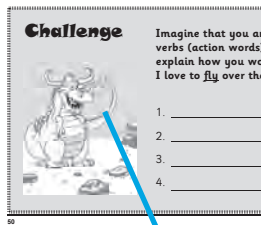
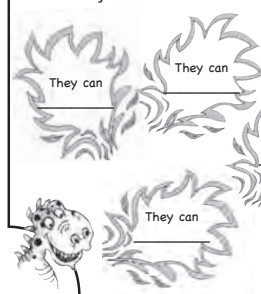
soared

Challenge Imagine that you are a dragon. Write a sentence about what you would do if you were a dragon. I love to fly over the

Sets the context for the following activities

Dragon Power

Dragons are very powerful creatures. Think of all the actions they can do and write them down.



Use the challenges as tasks for fast finishers

Verbs are action words. They describe what someone is doing, like jumping, singing or eating.

Introduces key grammatical concepts

Mr Lightning's Diary Entry

Mr Lightning Superhero keeps a diary of all his daily doings. He has made a quick list of all the things he has done. Can you put them into interesting sentences to describe his activities in more detail? The first has been done for you.

- saved cat
- rescued girl
- lifted train
- stopped asteroid
- rescued space ship
- saved ship
- went shopping
- zapped Snake Man

On Monday, I saved Mrs Costa's cat Muppet from falling out of a tree.

Write your diary entry here.

Challenge A newspaper reporter has asked Mr Lightning to write a story about his adventures. Imagine that you are Mr Lightning. Write a story about your most exciting adventure.

Writing activities encourage pupils to use grammar skills

- Help pupils get to grips with grammar and punctuation!
- Full of imaginative ideas linked to exciting themes that take children through a grammatical journey
- Activities develop understanding of grammar and punctuation in a systematic way
- Writing tasks enable pupils to put what they've learned into practice
- Concepts are revisited as you progress through the scheme to ensure firm understanding
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- Addresses the grammar and punctuation Programmes of Study in the English National Curriculum.



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Cross-curricular Activities

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Mini Quiz

1. Beeta and Moona were all the action words.

cup

ten

hunt

Mini quizzes for each theme assess how much children have learned

Written by Charlotte Makhoul, author of the Brilliant Activities for Reading Comprehension series (see pages 8-9)

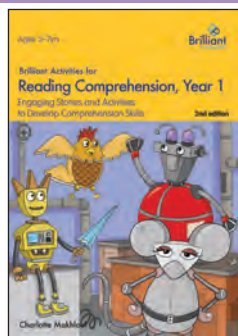
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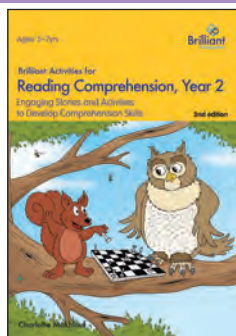
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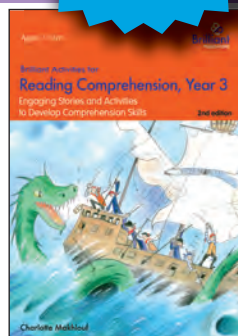
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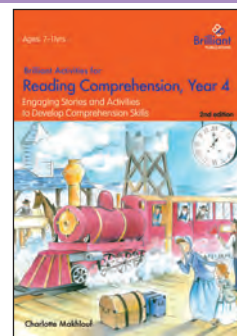
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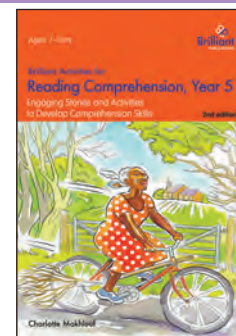
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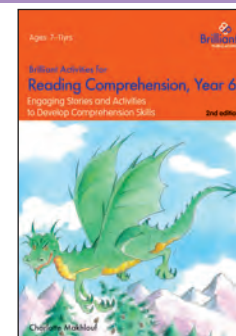
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Pirates

As the ship sailed close to the little island, the pirates could see palm trees and hot, yellow sand. 'The treasure's here!' shouted Cut-throat Kacey, 'I can see the cross marked out in the sand.' The pirates threw their spades into the jolly boat, then rowed like mad towards the island. Suddenly, a giant octopus shot out of the water in front of them. It looked very angry. The creature's tentacles picked the boat out of the water and held it up in mid-air. The pirates were terrified. 'Steal my treasure, would you?' hissed the octopus. Then it tossed the boat high into the sky. Up the boat went, up, up into Space.

their not-very-jolly

Questions

Answer the following questions with a full sentence:

1. Who was on the ship?
2. What did the pirates hope to find on the island?
3. How did they know where the treasure was buried on the island?
4. Did the pirates land on the island?
5. Who did the octopus think the treasure belonged to?
6. What did the octopus do to the pirates and why?

Word work

Give the meaning of the following words:

jolly boat

tentacles

hissed

Word definition work to develop vocabulary

Extension work

1. What would you do if a giant octopus picked you up?
2. Imagine you are one of the pirates circling the earth in your jolly boat. How would you spend your time?
3. If you were one of the pirates, what would you do to get back to Earth?
4. Imagine that the pirates get back to Earth and get hold of the treasure. Make a list of things they find inside the treasure chest.
5. Brainstorm lots of words to describe the octopus. Do the same for the pirates.
6. Imagine you are the octopus. Write a story about how you got the treasure and why you buried it!

Open-ended questions enabling reader to provide more personal response

Sample pages from Year 6 book

Stately Homes

Stately Homes

Monthly Magazine June issue

DISCOVERIES

It was such an exciting year for us here at *Stately Homes* and I'm delighted to announce that our magazine is flourishing. This month, we report on some exciting new developments at Baginbun Hall as the restoration of the Great Hall and Library get underway. A team of experts are using their considerable talents to recreate the beauty of a bygone age. The crisis of the restoration, which are likely to be five million pounds, are to be delayed by the Baginbun Hall Trust, supported by generous donations from our readers.

your experience. Her email address can be found at the back of the magazine.

One topic we report on this month is badgers. The keeper at Grildale Manor has reported a rise in the number of badger sets to be found around the Manor. This has led to a much damage to the garden, and the main lawn has been reseeded for the fourth time this year. In a controversial article, Mary Baxter proposes new ways for keeping the badgers populating under control. If you have any views on this subject, please let us know.

Mr Clive Heston will be bringing his collection of goshawks, sparrowhawks, falcons, kestrels and owls to the Hall. Clive will give a talk on the history of falconry and show his birds in a display. Children over the age of five will be given the opportunity to handle the birds.

Denise Walters Editor

Activities Around the Country

THEXTON HALL

HOME of the Lidwyddell Family.

Saturday 7th July

Medieval Jousting

Day Children are invited to come and design shields and swords in the arts and crafts tent.

Reading passages are great for guided reading sessions

Questions

Answer the following questions with a full sentence:

1. How many times a year does the *Stately Homes* magazine come out?
2. What is a 'stately home'?
3. Who or what is paying for the restoration work on Baginbun Hall?
4. Name two of the topics which are dealt with in this month's issue.
5. Why do you think that Mary Baxter's article on badgers is likely to be controversial?
6. Who was Lord Red and Actworthy and what action is he remembered for?

Word work

Give the meaning of the following words:

bygone

haunt

encounter

comprehensive

falconry

2. Baginbun Hall is being 'restored'. What does this mean?

3. What will people expect to see at the joust?

4. How do 'concessions' benefit people?

Inference questions develop pupils' ability to give opinions backed up by the texts

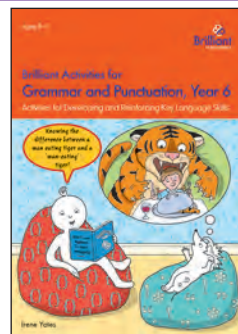
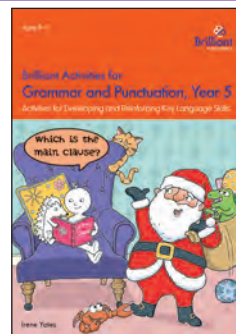
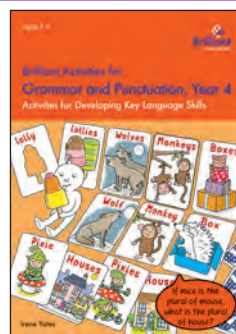
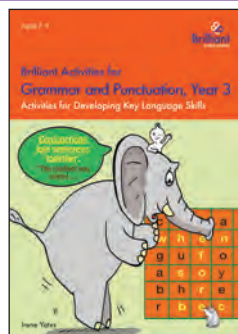
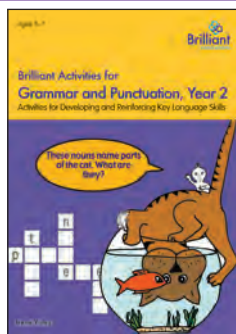
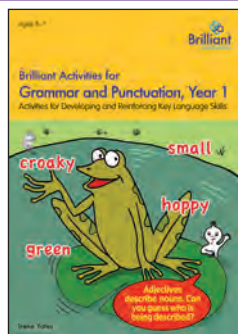
1. If you could choose one of the events to go to, which one would you choose and why?
2. What kind of person do you think *Stately Homes* might appeal to?
3. Write an email to Grildale Hall in which you describe a ghastly experience you have had. Say where and when it happened and provide as many details as you can.
4. You are one of the phantoms at Baginbun Hall. What changes have you experienced over the years and how do you feel about them?
5. Write a letter to the editor of *Stately Homes* in which you object to children being allowed into stately homes. Give reasons to support your argument.
6. As editor, respond to the above.

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- Sheets can be used individually, in pairs, groups or even as a whole class activity

- The sheets are designed for the practice, reinforcement and consolidation of grammar and punctuation skills

- Addresses the requirements laid out in the Programmes of Study in the 2014 National Curriculum for England

- Provides the tools you need to teach grammar effectively and teaches pupils the technical terms they need in order to be able to discuss language

- When pupils properly understand the effects that grammar and punctuation have on text, they can transfer that knowledge to their own writing and thus develop as writers.

The problem of 'me' or 'I'

Some times
it's hard to decide
whether to use **me** or **I**
in a sentence.

The teacher told Jack and ____ to collect their stars.

The trick is to make the sentence into two sentences in your head, like this:
Mike is going to the swim club. I am going to the swim club.
Which tells you it should be **Mike and I**.

The teacher told Jack to collect his stars. The teacher told me to collect my stars.

Which tells you it should be **Jack and me**.

Decide which is the correct pronoun for these sentences:
Sean and ____ are going to the disco.
Gran sent presents to Seema and ____.
Zak and ____ are going shopping.
Harry and ____ took the dog for a walk.
Grandad asked Dee and ____ to visit.
Can you come swimming with ____ and Ryan?
I guess Col and ____ are in trouble.
Between you and ____, I think she's got that sum wrong!

Make up a poem together called 'Me, myself and I'. Plan it out to a beat or rhythm.

The key of worked examples with the children before they complete the activity. They need to get the idea of creating the two sentences out of the one.

Simple sentences

Simple sentences are made up of one clause. They have a verb and they make sense on their own. The verb (doing word) has a subject, which is the person or thing doing the action. Like this:

swims ate

A fish swims. The dog ate my book.

Write simple sentences for these pictures:

Sample page
from Year 2

Working in pairs, one chooses the subject and the verb, eg 'dog - eats' and the other completes the sentence.
Make your sentences funny.

Preposition opposites



Look at these prepositions:

over above after
near off outside

Now work out their opposites:

The opposite of over is _____
The opposite of above is _____
The opposite of after is _____
The opposite of near is _____
The opposite of off is _____
The opposite of outside is _____

Write one sentence for each of the opposite prepositions, like this:

The rabbit hopped under the bush.
The rabbit hopped over the bush.

Challenge: in pairs, one gives a preposition, the other gives its opposite. Take turns.

Get the children to make up verbal sentences containing: behind/ in front of, into/out of, outside/ inside, etc before they do the writing task.

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The only additional resources needed are a pen or pencil and, sometimes, extra paper.

Extension activities encourage children to talk about grammar with their peers.

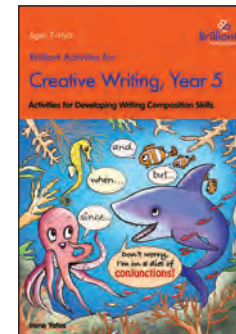
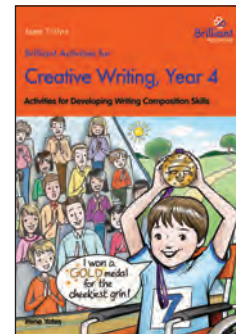
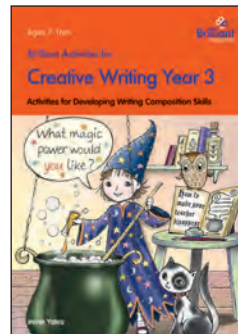
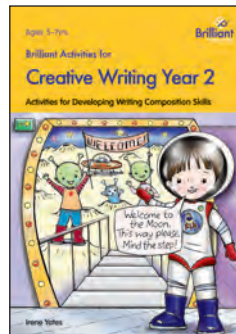
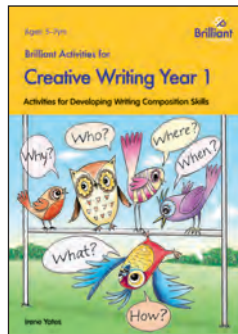
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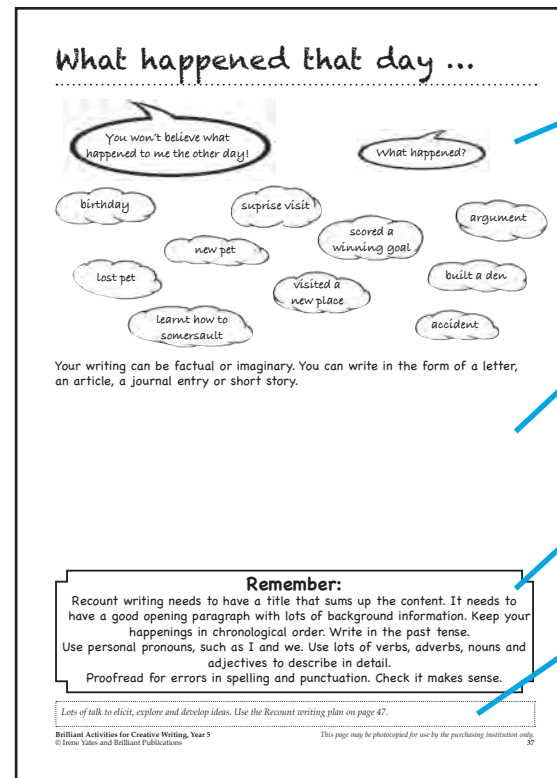
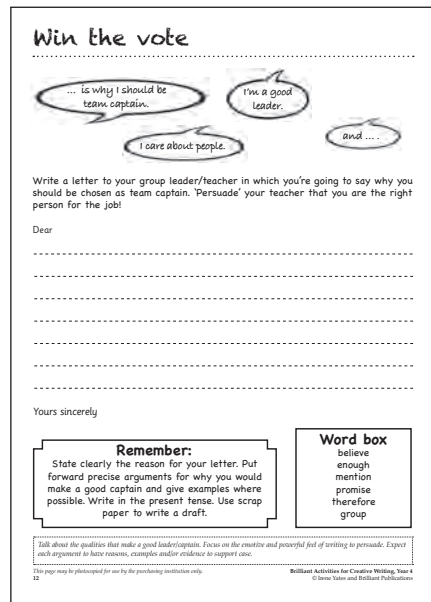
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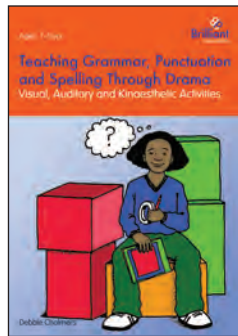
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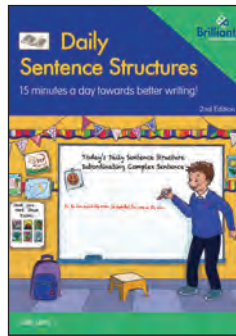
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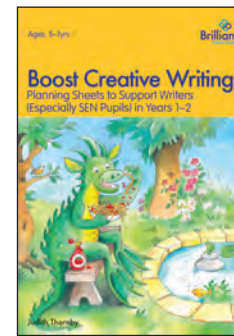
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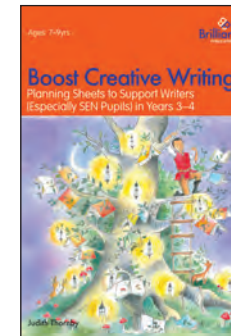
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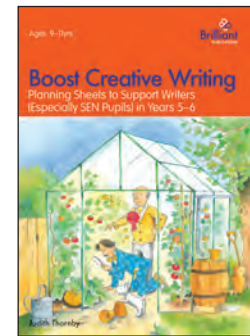
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Idea: the store cupboard reception class school office

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Finally
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My mummy has _____ hair.

Idea: ginger long brown black blonde

My mummy likes to _____ and _____

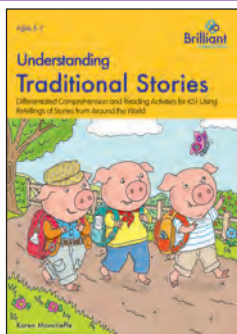
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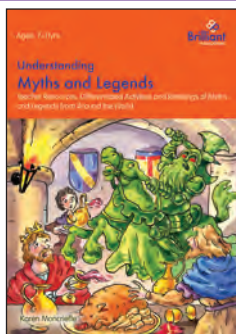
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Once out of the labyrinth Daedalus and Icarus carefully made their way to the shore of the island and pondered on what to do next. The trees and bushes surrounding the beach would provide an ideal sanctuary for the time being. They could possibly survive for months or years without being seen. But who would want to live like that – hiding away hoping they would not be captured? They needed to find a way to leave the island, but how? They could not swim, the nearest land was too far away, and they would never make it. They could not leave by ship, all vessels were controlled by King Minos. Daedalus stared up at the sky and the angels that circled overhead. Heavily he was free as a bird. If only he and his son could just fly away – and then he had an idea which was both brilliant and ambitious. He would build a pair of wings. It would take some time, days, weeks even, but he would build a pair of wings for his son and himself.



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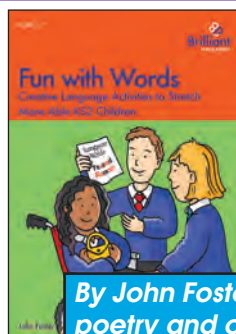
Reading Task C Put the events in the story in the correct order by numbering them 1-6.

- ☐ Icarus flew too close to the Sun.
- ☐ Daedalus made a labyrinth.
- ☐ Daedalus and Icarus escaped from the labyrinth.
- ☐ King Minos threw Daedalus and his son into the labyrinth.
- ☐ Daedalus made some wings.
- ☐ Daedalus and Icarus flew away.

Reading Task D State whether you agree or disagree and find evidence from the text to support your opinion.

- 1. King Minos was cruel.
- 2. Daedalus was talented.
- 3. Icarus was foolish.
- 4. Daedalus and Icarus should have remained on the island after escaping from the labyrinth.
- 5. Daedalus is responsible for his son's death.
- 6. This is a true story.

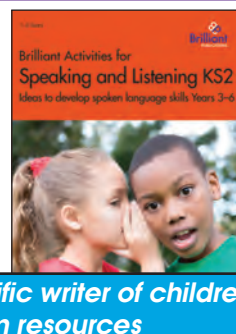
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- A Write the numbers one to ten in the squares.
- B Make sure you draw the squares on level ground.
- C A hopscotch design consists of ten squares.
- D Check to be the best material to use when drawing the squares.
- E The illustration shows a common hopscotch design.
- F Draw a hopscotch design on the ground.
- G The squares need to be big enough for a foot to fit in.
- H You can draw other designs, but this is a traditional one.

h pairs
In pairs or groups decide the order in which you think these instructions should go. Then compare your group's order with those of other groups.

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Derek Stuart explains why he wishes mobile phones hadn't been invented!

Mobile phones are a nuisance and a danger. I seriously wish they had never been invented. You can't go anywhere without having to listen to someone blathering on about where they are and what they are doing if I had my way. I'd ban the use of mobile phones on trains and other forms of public transport.

I'd ban them in restaurants too. You go out for a meal with your family and friends and your conversation is constantly being interrupted by jangling ring tones and people talking loudly on their mobiles. I also find it infuriating when people reply to text messages while at the dining table.

Even more infuriating is going to the cinema or theatre and someone's mobile starts ringing. People say that mobiles enable people to feel safer. They enable parents to know where their children are.

You can no longer walk down the street without the risk of someone barging into you because they are talking on their mobile and not looking where they are going. Mobile phones are dangerous too. You see people driving while talking or texting. It's as dangerous as drink-driving.

But are they really safe? No one knows for sure what the long term effects of using mobiles are. They may seriously damage your health. We best happily enough without them. I wish mobiles had never been invented.

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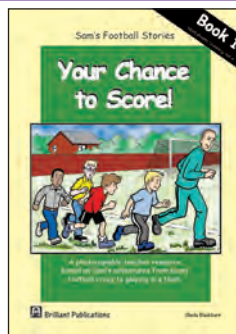
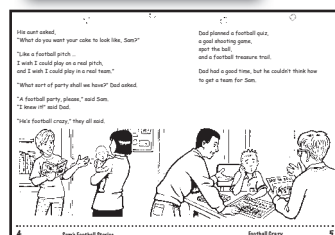
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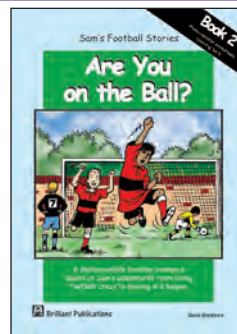
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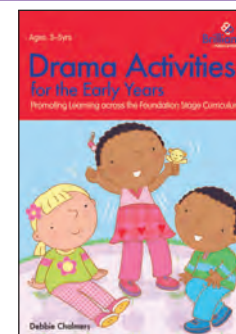
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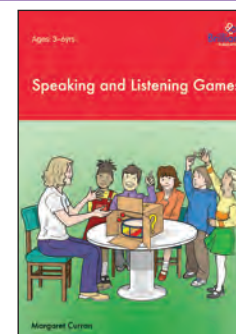
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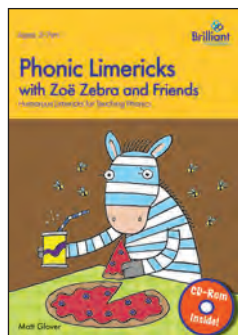
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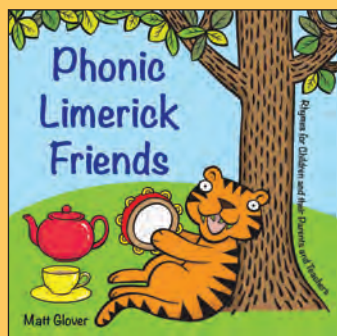
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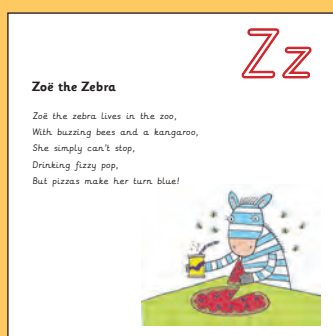
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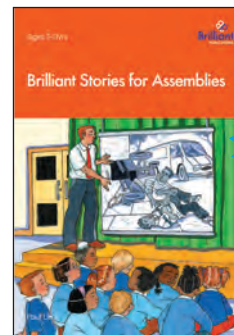


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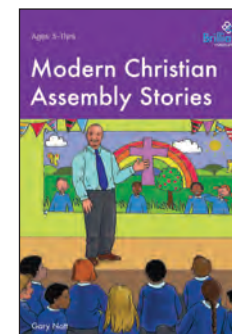
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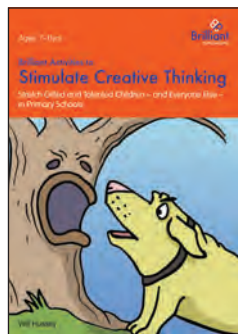
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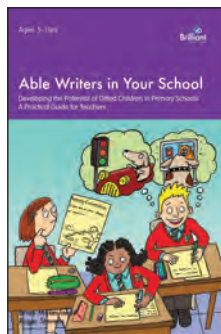
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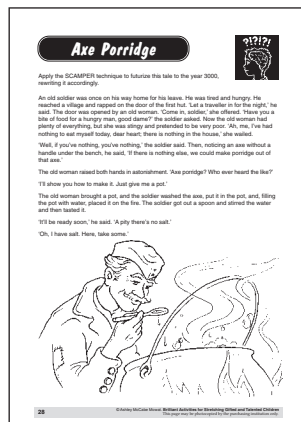
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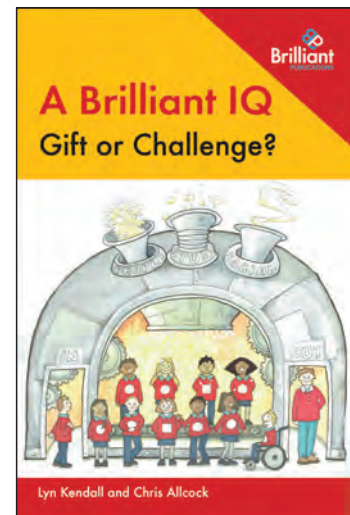
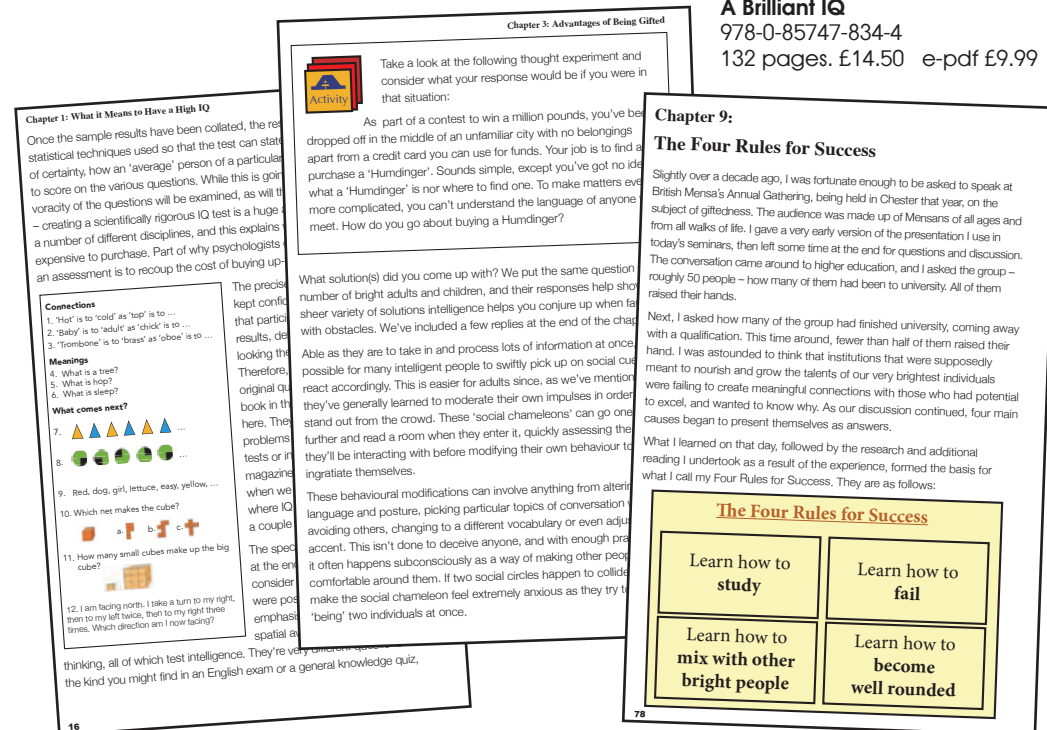
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