

YEAR Reception Terminology for children: word, sentence, letter			
TEXT LEVEL: Connecting words and	SENTENCE LEVEL: structure and	WORD LEVEL: Vocabulary and	LANGUAGE EFFECTS
phrases, cohesion and paragraphing	punctuation	spelling	
Orally retell simple stories using story maps,	Orally internalize, recognize, and begin	In oral re-telling children use:	Use similes
actions and props as a class, in groups and	to explore a range of sentences:	 story language: Once upon a 	During storytelling or describing,
pairs.	understand that a sentence makes sense	time; happily ever after; he	use and invent simple similes to
	and can stand alone :	walked and he walked; and	describe characters, settings and
Play at innovating/inventing stories, listening	 basic simple sentences (one main 	there she found, asked	objects: His coat was green like an
for pleasure and interest.	clause and limited detail)	theetc.	emerald; her eyes were black like
	 questions, exclamations 	 simple but precise vocabulary 	shadows ; the tiger's nose was like
Use shared writing and mapping to record	 compound sentences with co- 	related to topic: horse; tractor;	a ladybird
stories and other texts. Map and retell before	ordinating conjunctions and, but, or,	farm	
writing or recording.	SO	– simple determiners accurately:	
Mandal and and and and an angle of the second	- simple relative clauses with who,	the, a, my, your, an, this, that,	
Model, recast and extend language in a range of contexts.	which, that	his, her, their, some; all	
of contexts.	 sentences with 'ly ' starters 	– basic prepositions accurately:	
Use basis connecting words and phrases, with	Unfortunately, a fox came walking	up, down, in, into, out, to, onto	
Use basic connecting words and phrases, with actions, to structure stories in sequence e.g.	by Luckily, the dog ran away	 adjectives: old, little, big, small, quiet 	
Once upon a time there wasOne day so	Teach: 'think a sentence, say a sentence,	– simple adverbs accurately:	
Suddenly/Unfortunately luckily Finally	write a sentence - now reread':	luckily, unfortunately,	
happily ever after etc.		fortunately	
	Use speech bubbles to contain what is	- past tense: for news, recalling	
Use simple time connectives to structure oral	said on story maps	previous class events orally	
recounts e.g. first, next, at last, when, then		 present tense: to describe e.g. 	
Write labels, captions and simple sentences;		The tadpole is swimming.	
		Hamsters are furry.	

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