

## Writing

Thursday 7th May 2020

WALT write a diary recount

### Success Criteria

- I can include the 5 Ws in my recount opening
- I can use expanded noun phrases
- I can use powerful verbs and adverbial phrases

Today you will be writing the last 2 paragraphs of your diary recount, imagining you are an archaeologist discovering a new Ancient Egyptian tomb.

<b>Discovering the treasures (in the burial chamber)</b>
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<i>Describing what you see, the excitement and the emotions you have</i>
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<b>Final thought</b>
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<i>What your discoveries might mean or what you might do next</i>
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Remember that you will need to include all these features:

### Features of a recount

- Written in chronological order (time order)
- Written in the first person (used personal pronouns: I, we, my, me)
- Written in the past tense ('ed' endings, was, did)
- Use time connectives (next, then, finally, eventually)
- Use emotive words (see word bank)
- Include the writer's feelings (say how you are feeling)
- Use paragraphs to organise the events

You have made all the notes that you will need already during last week's work, so look back at them before you write each paragraph. You could even tick them off when you use them in order to make sure you don't miss any out.

Here is the **word bank** for you to use:

eager to know	anticipation	excitement
darkness	eery	dank
lamplight	shadows	silence
ancient	precious	amazing
magnificent	breathtaking	detail
gleaming	stunning	vibrant

Here is the list of **time conjunctions** to use:

first	last	next
then	finally	eventually
this evening	last week	after a while
meanwhile	soon afterwards	

## **Paragraph 5 - The treasures**

### **Discovering the treasures (in the burial chamber)**

*Describing what you see, the excitement and the emotions you have*

In this paragraph you will need to write about entering the burial chamber and then describe in detail some of the treasures you found there (you may need to split this into 2 paragraphs). Try to create a sense of awe and wonder at finding undiscovered ancient riches.

Example (do not copy word for word!)

*After much excavating of the entrance, we finally entered the chamber and I momentarily froze in amazement. A room full of treasure, untouched for hundreds of years, we were the first to lay eyes on them since the workers closed the tomb. The dim light slowly revealed the secrets of this astonishing place, a snippet of history frozen in time. Huge sheets of materials covered large objects which we were yet to see, I hardly dared to hope that underneath could be the coffins of Kha and Merit. Gingerly, I pulled back one of the sheets and let out a gasp of awe. Underneath the dusty old sheet, lay a sarcophagus entirely covered in gold leaf which shimmered and glistened under the lamp light, dazzling all of us who saw it. As we moved my head closer, I could see that the piercing eyes were inlaid with quartz or some kind of black crystal. He wore a broad collar of red and blue stripes with a delicately painted falcon-head at each end. I could have stared at him for hours but I was eager to see what other treasure the tomb contained.*

*Covering the floor, a host of pots and caskets gathered together, all completely intact. In the far corner, a tray was laid out with toiletries and perfumes for Kha,. beautiful sea blue patterned bottles that still had a faint scent of the coconut oil once contained in them. It was a strange sight to behold as it seemed almost as though they were waiting for him to wake and use them. A giant wooden chest contained gold jewellery of every kind, bracelets, buckles, pendants, necklaces, rings and scarabs for protection. A stunning diadem caught my eye, it had beautiful pale enamel colours in flower shapes, and in the centre two exquisite gazelle heads protruding proudly as if to greet me.*



## **Paragraph 6 - Final closing thought**

### **Final thought**

*What your discoveries might mean or what you might do next*

This is a short paragraph to signal the end of your diary entry. You can summarise how the find has made you feel and/or speculate about what might happen next - will you become famous? Will the treasures bring new discoveries? Will you find another tomb?

Example (do not copy word for word!)

*This is surely the most momentous and exciting day of my life! At last, after all my years of hard work I have finally achieved my dream. I have found and recovered the lost treasure of Kha and Merit. Whilst I know I must savour this moment and achievement, I can't help but already be planning my next exciting expedition...*

Well done! You have completed your diary recount. 😊

I really hope you enjoyed discovering more about the tombs of Ancient Egypt and pretending to be an archeologist.

If you have been inspired by the topic and would like to make your own pyramid treasure tomb here is a link for a template to do so.

[https://bam.files.bbc.co.uk/bam/live/content/zmj3mfr/pdf#sa-link\\_location=blocks&intlink\\_from\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.co.uk%2Fbitesize%2Farticles%2Fz4tyvk7&intlink\\_ts=1587471070389-sa](https://bam.files.bbc.co.uk/bam/live/content/zmj3mfr/pdf#sa-link_location=blocks&intlink_from_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.co.uk%2Fbitesize%2Farticles%2Fz4tyvk7&intlink_ts=1587471070389-sa)

If you make one, please take a picture and post it on Padlet (instructions for how will be on next week's newsletter)