



Year 7 Milestone Criteria

English – Writing Assessment

AO5: Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences.

Organise information and ideas, using structural and grammatical features to support coherence and cohesion of texts.

AO6: Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.

PURPLE	AO 5	Precisely selects a range of vocabulary for meaning and effect.	
	AO 5	Imaginatively uses a range of language techniques such as metaphor, simile and personification.	
	AO 5	Consistently uses DAFOREST techniques effectively.	
	AO 5	Uses a variety of paragraph lengths for meaning and effect.	
	AO 5	Uses appropriate structural techniques such as listing, headings and subheadings effectively.	
	AO 5	Ideas presented in depth and detail.	
	AO 6	Uses full range of punctuation for meaningful effect including colons and semi-colons.	
	AO 6	Accurate spelling of complex vocabulary.	
	AO 6	Standard English used consistently accurately.	
BLUE	AO 5	Varied vocabulary choices.	
	AO 5	Clear grasp of using similes and/or alliteration for effect.	
	AO 5	Paragraphs clearly linked with a range of connectives.	
	AO 5	Atmosphere created through clear description and detail.	
	AO 5	Clear attempt to match writing to purpose.	
	AO 6	Punctuation used for clarity, including some correct use of colons, dashes and brackets.	
	AO 6	Spelling mostly accurate.	
	AO 6	Adverbs, prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases used to add descriptive detail.	
GREEN	AO 5	Some interesting vocabulary choices at times.	
	AO 5	Adjectives used to add descriptive detail.	
	AO 5	Paragraphs mostly used correctly.	
	AO 6	Commas, full stops, apostrophes and question marks used correctly.	
	AO 6	Spelling generally accurate, including homophones.	
YELLOW	AO 5	Character/atmosphere described using adjectives.	

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[Yellow Box]	AO 5	Paragraphs used occasionally or not at all.	
	AO 6	Some basic punctuation used correctly.	
	AO 6	Accurate spelling of more simple vocabulary.	