



# Year 8 Milestone Criteria

## English – Writing Assessment

A05: 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.

A06: Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.

PURPLE	A05	Precisely selects a range of vocabulary for meaning and effect.	
	A05	Imaginatively uses a range of language techniques such as metaphor, simile and personification.	
	A05	Consistently uses DAFOREST techniques effectively.	
	A05	Uses a variety of paragraph lengths for meaning and effect.	
	A05	Uses appropriate structural techniques such as listing, headings and subheadings effectively.	
	A05	A wide range of Ideas presented in depth and detail.	
	A06	Uses full range of punctuation for meaningful effect including colons and semi-colons.	
	A06	Full range of sentence forms, including minor sentences, used for dramatic effect.	
	A06	Accurate spelling of complex vocabulary.	
BLUE	A05	An interesting range of vocabulary used for effect.	
	A05	Clear grasp of using similes and/or alliteration for effect.	
	A05	Paragraphs clearly linked with a range of connectives.	
	A05	Atmosphere created through clear description and detail.	
	A05	Clear attempt to match writing to purpose.	
	A06	Punctuation used for clarity, including some correct use of colons, dashes and brackets.	
	A06	Adverbs, prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases used to add descriptive detail.	
	A06	A range of sentence forms used for effect and clarity of meaning.	
	A06	Spelling mostly accurate.	
GREEN	A05	Varied vocabulary choices.	
	A05	Conscious use of language techniques such as rhetorical questions.	
	A05	Paragraphs mostly used correctly.	
	A06	Commas, full stops, apostrophes and question marks used correctly.	
	A06	Simple, compound and complex sentences used.	
	A06	Spelling generally accurate, including homophones.	
YELLOW	A05	Some interesting vocabulary choices at times.	
	A05	Adjectives used to add descriptive detail.	
	A05	Paragraphs used occasionally or not at all.	
	A06	Some basic punctuation used correctly.	
	A06	Simple and compound sentences used.	
	A06	Accurate spelling of more simple vocabulary.	