



500 Words 2018 – Live Lesson

Date: Monday, 15th January 2018

Time: 2pm

Duration: 35 minutes (approx.) live programme and 25 mins EXTRA programme which will be published on the website on Wednesday, 17th January.

Location: bbc.co.uk/livelessons

(Note: if you can't watch the programme live, you will be able to watch the recording on the Live Lessons website within half an hour of the live broadcast)

Curriculum links

The lesson is available for anyone to view and our resources are tailored to different levels, but some of the higher-level content would be more appropriate for ages 7 and up.

Key Stage 1/ 1st Level – English

As part of the lesson, students will be encouraged to:

- Write their own stories and narratives
- Write for different purposes
- Write down, plan and consider their ideas

Key Stage 2/1st and 2nd Level – English

As part of the lesson, students will be encouraged to:

- Think about the audience and purpose of their writing
- Understand, enjoy and create stories
- Create and compare settings, characters, themes and plot
- Use language, dialogue and structure in their writing to engage and influence their readers
- Discuss and plan their ideas for writing before beginning

Key Stage 3/3rd Level – English

As part of the lesson, students will be encouraged to:

- Consider the purpose and audience of their writing and how that affects their choices as a writer
- Plan, draft and edit their stories
- Extend their knowledge of different literary devices and techniques to enhance their writing

Setup

How much space and equipment is needed?

The lesson can be screened in a classroom with a large screen linked to a reliable broadband connection. Good audio equipment is not essential but will make the event more enjoyable.

As we'll be asking students to get involved in creative activities throughout the lesson, it would be beneficial if students had the accompanying worksheets to hand to guide them through the activities, as well as stationery such as pens and pencils.

How many students can participate?

It's completely up to you how many students you have participating in the session. We want to get as many students as possible engaged in this Live Lesson. Space might be a consideration if you have a very large group.

How to prepare for the lesson

Activity 1: 500 Words ideas mash-up

The first segment of the Live Lesson helps pupils to find ideas for their stories. Students will take ideas from the worlds of fact and fiction – termed 'My World' and 'Fantasy World' and combine them to develop a story idea.

Guided activity sheets for this are available here on our website, titled **Activity 1: 500 Words ideas mash-up**. Pupils under the age of 7 might find the activity sheet **Activity 1: 500 Words ideas mash-up – For ages 5 to 7** easier to get to grips with.

Email your pupils' ideas to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk or use the hashtag **#bbclivelessons** before and during the Live Lesson, and they could be featured on the live programme.

Activity 2: Put your character in the hot-seat

In the second segment of the Live Lesson, we'll be featuring a hot-seating activity. Students will be challenged to answer question from the point of view of their characters.

Guided activity sheets for this are available here on our website, titled **Activity 2: Put your character in the hot-seat**. Pupils under the age of 7 might benefit from using the activity sheet **Activity 2: Put your character in the hot-seat – For ages 5 to 7**.

Email your students' character examples to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk or use the hashtag **#bbclivelessons**, and they could be featured on the Live Lesson.

Activity 3: Story endings – Writer's Block vs Writers Rock!

This final section of the Live Lesson examines story endings. We'll be exploring some endings you might want to avoid (Writer's Block) and those you might want to choose (Writers Rock!). Pupils will then listen to two alternative endings for the fairy tale Snow White and identify the type of ending from the examples provided.

Guided activity sheets for this are available here on our website, titled **Activity 3: Story endings**. Pupils under the age of 7 might benefit from using the activity sheet **Activity 3: Story endings – For ages 5 to 7**.

EXTRA programme

Our 500 Words 2018 – Live Lessons EXTRA programme will be published on our website on Wednesday, 17th January 2018. This programme will focus on answering more of your questions and will also feature an activity that looks at how to write engaging opening lines.

Contact us

You can email any questions or comments on the subject of 500 Words and story writing before and during the Live Lesson to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk, or by using the hashtag **#bbclivelessons**. We'll aim to answer as many of your questions as possible.

We'd also love to see examples of your students' work. If your classes have created any work or carried out any activities using the resources on our website, please do send it in to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk, and they could be showcased on the programme and on our website.

If you are sending in any images or videos that feature children, please ensure that you have parental permission, as they may be shown during the Live Lesson and on our website.

In the email, please confirm your official relationship to the child/children featured, e.g. teacher, Brownie group leader, sports coach etc. and confirm that you have sought prior parental consent. Please also ensure the material is not sensitive or controversial.

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Thank you for your interest in our **500 Words 2018 – Live Lesson**, and we hope you'll join us on **Monday, 15th of January, 2018**.