



11+ Prep Short Course - Making your Writing Stand Out (Writing for Test Success)

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Class 4 WOW examples + in-class practice test

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Creative Writing Courses with Colin

The creative writing process is fun and imaginative, yet complex and systematic. Learning to successfully write creatively goes far beyond simply having a good imagination.

Throughout the school year we will be offering short creative writing courses each with their own specific focus and objectives. Together, these courses combine to create a thorough, complete preparation which allows children to expand their imagination while developing their writing skills.

Each course *is run separately* and students can choose between all, some or a just a single course. Participation in previous courses is not required as each course has its own specific objectives and activities.

6 x 1-hour sessions Cost: 90GBP

There is a minimum of 3 students required for a course to open and a maximum of 6 students to ensure that each participant receives the personalized feedback and support they need to succeed.

Live sessions are conducted via Zoom while materials and homework are delivered through the Edurouter platform.

Join us as we generate creative energies and funnel them into beautifully engaging language skills that will last a lifetime.

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Class 1 - What is the 11+? Formal vs Informal Language

Creative writing is often thought of as free, unchained writing without rules. True at times, but in testing, specific tasks mean specific response. Students must be able to understand, and modify their writing style accordingly to fit both objective and audience.

Students will be able to:

- a. Understand what the 11+ is and how it is graded
- b. Recognize task objectives of 5 distinct forms (descriptive, narrative, narrative, expository, persuasive)
- c. Formalize informal creative writing examples

Class 2 – Clear expectations, connected content

Understanding WHAT the teacher, exam, or question is the 1st step. We will examine real tasks, elicitors and language accompanied by student ideas on how their responses would succeed.

- d. Quickly determine what is being asked
- e. Develop writing outlines that will fulfill task requirements

Class 3 – Your Writing Treasure Chest

Under time stress, writers need to have a 'treasure chest' of language ready to use. Common, adaptable situations arise in the test; we will be ready.

- f. Choose personalized categories
- g. Develop language of 1 location
- h. Understand the 12 Tips for success

Class 4 - Marvelous models and Practice Test

We will explore amazing student writing that has received the highest praise. Show off your skills in a 20-minute mock/practice test written on-the-spot.

- i. Recognize what makes amazing writing
- j. Complete a mock test
- k. Recognize strengths and weaknesses in writing (self, then teacher assessment)

Class 5 – Quick changes, big improvements

Editing prevents unnecessary loss of points and adds sparkling final touches. Students rarely do it well. We will look at how to quickly find and make changes that will help you succeed.

Students will be able to:

- l. Understand the 2-step process of 'Clarity and concise'
- m. Edit a model writing as a class
- n. Edit their writing from Class 4
- o. Handwrite a final practice test at home (homework)

Class 6 - Combining it All

Students peer review the final writing task, make

Students will be able to:

- a. Provide effective written and oral peer review
- b. Celebrate development successes in the course and choose 1 'work-in-progress' for continued dev.