

The Magpie Bulletin

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To The Parents

It gives me immense pleasure to announce the launch of our first ever class newsletter : THE MAGPIE BULLETIN. This is a quarterly publication which offers you a glimpse into the MAGPIE WRITING CLASSROOM. It has been a constant priority of mine to make my courses as transparent as possible and inspire children to imagine, read and write better. THE MAGPIE BULLETIN will be a one-stop writing den for children to present their work from stories to poems to impactful sentences. The MAGPIE BULLETIN will also be your resource to our new courses, workshops and activities. I do hope many more children are involved in making this a topnotch publication.

So WRITE HERE! WRITE NOW !

HAPPY READING !

Shefali Malkan
FOUNDER : MAGPIE WRITING HAVEN

Setting Description
Create imagery using 5 senses

The Moonlit Night

As I lay on the soft silvery sand, the pearly moon from the darkness above me winked. It was playing hide and seek with the soft tuft of cotton balls suspended in the vast expanse. The cool breeze brushed away my tiredness, refreshing me with the energy. Now the moon spilled beams of light as white as cotton on a calm sea making the moonlight shimmer on the waves. Palm trees swayed in the praise of the moon, rustling its leaves in their own tune.

Rushin Shah
Grade 6

Gopi Birla Memorial School

The Cave

I was standing in front of the cave's entrance. Around the cave, there were seven different signs warning people to keep out. Intrigued, I wondered what could be in there. I had a flashlight so I cautiously entered the cave. The flapping and fluttering of bats greeted me. One of the bats flew so low that I ducked and shielded myself with trembling hands. The large, hairy bat grazed my shoulder with its strong leathery wings. Shuddering, I stood rooted to the ground. It left a disgusting and pungent smell. Now I flashed my torch around the cave only to find a heap of broken bones. Whose could it be? I wondered. Squeak! an army of large muggy rats scabbled and scooted towards me. So, I climbed the mossy rock. As I balanced myself on the boulder, I spotted a glimmering spider web. It was an intricate web of silky threads. Just then, a foot size spider crawled across it only to gobble fuzzy flies. I noticed a narrow beam of sunlight shining on a jagged sticky wall creating a grotesque graffiti. An enormous lizard scaling the wall caught my attention. Its scaly, slimy skin repulsed me. A shiver ran through my body and I landed on the mossy floor. At the far end of the rocky cave, the babbling, gurgling water gushed down to form a rippling pool. The splashing water cooled my face and I took a slurp of a hand full of fresh, chilly water.

Shiven Agarwal
Grade 4

Personification
Winter

Winter arrived in its white robe. The thick, freezing snow choked the lush greenery with its pearly fluffiness. The sky fired snowflakes at the whiteness below. The bellowing wind attacked the city with vengeance. Children were cross as the weather was colder than they preferred. But I was ecstatic as I would get to ski, my favourite sport.

Aaryan Kothari
Grade 4

Winter arrived blanketing the land in its cold, frosty embrace. The clouds shot white, fluffy snowflakes at the ground. Sooty chimney groaned and moaned as coils of smoke gushed out. Icicles dangled from edge of roofs like translucent daggers. Trees clothed themselves in layers of soft, fuzzy snow.

Priana Dharia
Grade 4

MAGPIE DEBATE CLUB
Discover Your Voice

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“ Don't raise your voice, Improve your argument ”

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Personal Narrative

A Random Act of Kindness

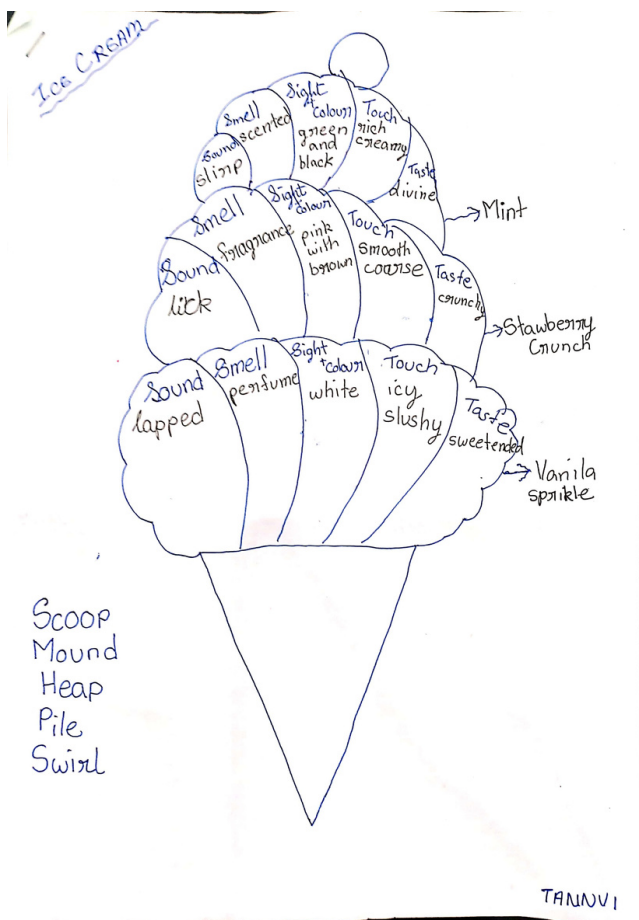
A random act of kindness could be a smile, a nice word or an unexpected deed. Joyful and elated, I skipped down the alley returning from a victorious match. I had won the chess finals at SMCA chess club. Suddenly, I heard a voice, "Baba, Baba!". I glanced around and saw a hunched-back, aged woman.

Hollowed cheeks, sunken eyes, wrinkled hands, stooping body and a kind smile greeted me. She had not eaten for days, so I fished out an apple and a ten rupee note from my bag. When I handed it to her, she gratefully took it and disappeared. A few steps later, I started feeling dizzy and my bag felt heavy. I held on to a lamp post for support. With a thud I fainted, and my bag hurled 2 metres away.

All of a sudden, I felt a splash of cool water on my face. I opened my eyes and saw a familiar pair of grey eyes. It was the same frail woman and this time she helped me to my feet and took me home. One random act of kindness deserves another.

By Ansh Jhamb
Grade 2

Descriptive Writing Using 5 Senses



Ice Cream

last Sunday I had triple flavoured sundae on a dark rainy day. I licked on to a minty scoop, silky icy slush swirled in my mouth along with sprinkles of fresh mint. The scoop was greener than the green.

The first scoop of the sundae was mint. It was silky but crunchy. The mint burst in my mouth with divinity. The strawberry crunch scoop was coarse and its beautiful fragrance. As I licked my first swirl of the frosty pink strawberry crunch it swirled in my mouth with a exiting taste. And last the vanilla was icy and slushy. The yummy ^{sprinkle} it was so sweetened it made my day. The perfume sprayed on it was smelling really good. And at the end of my wonderful moment I saw a beautiful new flavour but was too full for that


- Tanvi Singhi

By Tanvi Singhi
Grade 2

Meet The Character

Character Traits

Name: Saba Date: 13-10-22

External (Outside) Traits What you see on the outside.	Internal (Inside) Traits Thoughts, feelings, actions, and dialogue.
<p>Character's Name: <u>'Alvin'</u></p> <p>Character's Picture: homeless beggar w/ out tooth & elbow</p> 	<p>Character's Name: <u>'Alvin'</u></p> <p>Character's Picture: naughty, squats on the road, pleads, rough hands, legs sawdust, shout, carefree, know about car, no manners</p>


External (Outside) Traits (handwritten): sparkly eyes, impish smile, is happy, long body (not quite), cracked nails, tangled hair, filthy underneath, straw like dry raggedy clothes, torn, tattered, patched, cracked, yellow teeth.

By Sara
Grade 3

Character Traits

Name: Priana Dharia Date: 13-10-22

Barefoot
homeless unfortunate fellow

External (Outside) Traits What you see on the outside.	Internal (Inside) Traits Thoughts, feelings, actions, and dialogue.
<p>Character's Name: <u>Beggar ADI YAU</u></p> <p>Character's Picture: smooth curly, straight, wavy, straw-like, dry, wet, thick & thin, body-sparkly eyes, impish smile, dry, pink-sized, cracked nails, dirty nails but agile, clothes raggedy, ratty, patched, torn, dirty, old, wet, dry, ash-blond & flab.</p> 	<p>Character's Name: <u>Beggar ADI YAU</u></p> <p>Character's Picture: rude, squats on the road, poster on the road, rough hands beg for alms, scream and shout, raven about, carefree, burst into squals of laughter, ruthless & insolent.</p>

External (Outside) Traits (handwritten): cracked, dried yellow, bucked, matted hair, tangled, rough, smooth, curly, straight, wavy, straw-like, dry, wet, thick & thin, body-sparkly eyes, impish smile, dry, pink-sized, cracked nails, dirty nails but agile, clothes raggedy, ratty, patched, torn, dirty, old, wet, dry, ash-blond & flab.

By Priana Dharia
Grade 3

TOPIC: Character - Personality

- Honest
- Brave
- ~~Selfish~~ selfish
- determined

As I picked up the fallen wallet, ~~lost~~ there was a flood of thoughts in my mind. My hands trembled thinking how devastated the owner would be ~~to~~ searching for his wallet. My legs started walking and didn't stop till I reached the ~~post~~ police station. Before entering my mind again debated, I went in ~~was~~ again in two minds that whether the police would appreciate me ~~for~~ my honesty or would declare me guilty. Before any more thoughts ~~surged~~ in my mind, I went in.

Rushin Shah
Grade 6

Activity Corner



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Agastya Shah
Grade 3



Agastya
9/10/21

Agastya Shah
Grade 3

Dialogue Writing through Comic Strips



Pranaya Shah
Grade 3

Story Starters

1) Time phrase opening + place phrase opening

- a) Long long ago, deep in the woods there lived a giant.
- b) A few moons ago, deep under sea there lived a giant squid.
- c) At the beginning of time, in a cave above the mountain lived a dragon.
- d) A decade ago, at the foot hills of a mountain lived a princess.

2) The Character (name) + action opening (what he did + action)

- a) The sea monster devoured the ship in one go.
- b) The tiger pounced on the fragile deer, who was grazing peacefully.
- c) The giant stomped his feet ferociously as he dashed out of the house.
- d) Peter, the carpenter, sawed/drilled the wood plank/ nail into the wall.
- e) Benny rabbit bounced about in the carrot patch looking for his friend Jonny rat.

3) The 'selfie' + action + setting opening

- a) Introduce the speaker – yourself
- b) What did you see / find ...
- c) When

Eg :

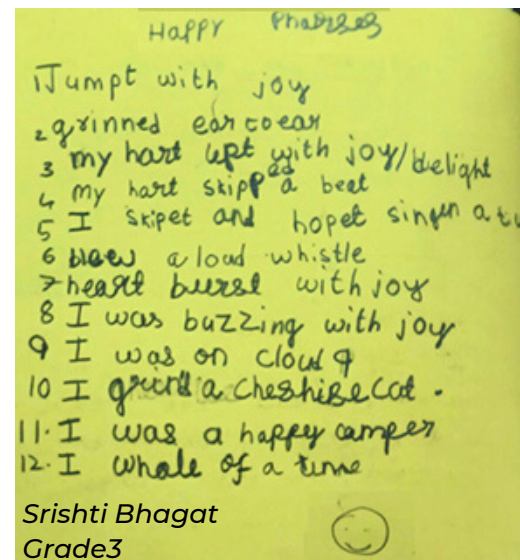
(a) I first (b) saw the leopard (c) when I was crossing the stream

- 1) I saw an apple pie cooling, fresh from the oven while I was playing in the lawn.
- 2) I first saw the India gate when I was in Delhi.
- 3) I jumped out of the bed and raced to the bathroom.
- 4) I grabbed my school bag and raced to the door, to catch the school bus.
- 5) I cycled slowly on the main road avoiding the traffic.

Flashback opening

- (a) As little Arina, sat starting at (b) the window, she recalled the chain (c) of events that led to the accident.
- a) Introduce character
- b) What is she/he doing
- c) Flashback + hint of what has happened.

Samara Bhagat
Grade 3



Sentence Starters

I) Start with Noun

- a) English is my favorite subject.
- b) Asia is the largest continent

IV) Start with 'When' phrase

- a) In the morning, I went for walk.
- b) Today, Dhaval fought with me.

II) Start with Adjective

- a) Cranky and stubborn, the toddler kept crying.
- b) Malicious and dominant, the bully sauntered in the classroom.

V) Start with Preposition

- a) Over the holidays we visited our grand parents
- b) On top of the mountain was an abandoned mining town.

III) Start with 'ly' words – Adverb

- a) Bravely, the deer fought with the lion.
- b) Kindly, I gave my eraser to my friend.

VI) Start with Simile

- a) Like a shadow, the darkness loomed.
- b) Like the sunshine, her smile dazzled.

Srishti Bhagat
Grade 2

Diwali Bonanza



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Age group 8-13

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Vocabulary building	Evaluate & Summarize	Know the author

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12:30pm - 1:30pm : Vocab Building

What will you learn

- Context Clues
- word structure- prefix suffix
- Cognates- root words

Age: 7yrs - 18yrs

Date:
1st batch (22nd -24th dec '22)
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STORYTELLING JAM

An evening of fun and learning

DATE: Tue Wed Thur
TIME: 4-5pm
AGE GROUP: 4-8yrs
FEES: ₹200/1 turn
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ACTIVITIES COVERED

- Language development
- Enacting
- Vocabulary building
- Word games

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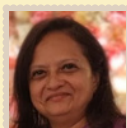
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