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Introduction - Creative Writing and Wordplay

One special thing I love about teaching writing is that it allows children to be really creative. When we write, we often create ideas, combinations, poems or stories that have never been created before. There is no 'right' or 'wrong' answer and every activity is a chance to produce something fresh. Sometimes children can lose the love of wordplay as they get older so I hope this workbook will remind you how much fun playing with language can be.

In this workbook, we shall be getting our creative juices flowing starting with the game **The City of Silence** and then we'll use the ideas that come out of it to do a variety of activities: writing short poems, trying some descriptive writing, giving feedback to writers, being a teacher, doing some artwork and finally publishing or performing our work.

Through the workbook, there are 15 different activities that you can have a go at. You can choose which ones interest you or have a go at them all: the choice is yours! Pencil and paper at the ready.....and we're off!

Starting Game: The City of Silence

Have you ever wondered what it is like in ...

- ★ the mountain of imagination,
- ★ the castle of doom,
- ★ the city of wonder,
- ★ the maze of wishes,
- ★ or the cellar of despair?

Well, you are about to find out! In this game, we are going to create our own unique settings by combining places and things. Let's get started by making a list of places.

Activity 1: Make a list of place

★ Here we want as many different type of places as possible – the more the better. For example: wood, city, shed, street, station, maze, cellar ...



★ Top Tip: generic places are what we are looking for here, not the actual names of particular places: we want city not London, planet not Jupiter.

Sorting your ideas



One way to sort your places is to put them into categories. This often helps you to think of more ideas as one idea can lead to another and so on.

Water	Where people live	Buildings	Outer space
lake	town	shed	moon
river	house	supermarket	planet

★ Now over to you to make your lists of places. Can you get more than 50?



Here is the list I made with my class: please feel free to magpie!

