

Fun Reading and Writing Activities Two

1. FANTASY LETTER TIME.

Write a letter from a character in a book or story you know, to another character.

For example, you could write a letter to granny from Ben in 'Gangsta Granny', asking her how she became a world class thief. Your letter can be about anything that happened in the story.

Or from Goldilock's mum to the police asking them to help her with her naughty daughter who keeps running off into the woods.

Write a letter to the author of one of your books. Include information about what you really enjoyed about the story as well as if there was anything you didn't understand, didn't enjoy or would like to change.

2. REAL LETTER TIME.

Investigate the website of an author you have enjoyed reading. Write a letter telling them all about what you liked about their story. Find out when they began writing, why they began and which is their favourite story.

3 Instructions

Write instructions on how to become a sheep pig. Babe could be the author and he could be leaving instructions to all future pigs on how to become famous like him. Include how to speak to the sheep, what the job of the sheep pig is and how to stay in the best shape to do the job.

3. Map Making.

Draw a map of a part of your story. It could be the main characters bedroom, the farm they live on or the school that they attend.

4. Questions, questions, questions

Write an interview with the main character of your story. It could be an interview with Harry about what it is like to be a bird who can talk or it could be with a character from your own reading book.

5. ... How did it end?

Change the ending to one of your stories. How did it end? How else could it have ended? What event would have changed the way in which the story ended? Babe could have not been polite to the sheep and they may not have completed the challenge and therefore Babe would not have been famous. How would that have changed the ending to the story? Or choose one of your own books to change.

6. Who's this?

Add a new character into one of the chapters of your book. What sort of character is it? Create a character profile for them, including an image, and then explain how they would affect the story.

7. Be a writer.

Start a new story in the wrong place. Start reading from chapter 2 until the end. Now have a go at writing your own first chapter. Once you have written it, compare it with the real first chapter. Were you close in any way? What similarities are there? What differences are there?