

Rules for writing

1. Think about your topic and make a plan.
2. Decide whether your story will be about something that has already happened, is happening now, or is going to happen.
3. Begin every sentence with a capital letter and use capital letters for names.
4. End every sentence with a full stop. Use question marks for questions.
5. Think of a good beginning, middle and end.
6. Try not to use “and then” in your stories.
7. Don’t make your sentences too long.
8. When using speech marks, try to think of interesting words to replace ‘said’, e.g., “This is delicious!” *exclaimed* Mia.
9. Ask for help with words you cannot spell, or use a try-out pad or a dictionary.
10. Remember to use some interesting words to describe things – adjectives to describe nouns; adverbs to describe verbs.
11. Break up your story by using paragraphs.
12. Use your imagination but keep away from things that would not honour God, e.g. horror, spooks, ghosts, witches, UFOs.