

Y4 Instructions: Example Text

Annotated Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Features

All text: the full range of spelling, grammar and punctuation features that have been taught in previous year groups shown throughout including adverbs, prepositions and conjunctions to express time, place and cause; correct tense use and subordinate clauses

² Standard English verb inflections consistently used, e.g. we were not we was, I did not I done, etc.

³ writing organised into paragraphs around a theme.

⁴ simple layout devices in non-fiction used, e.g. headings and sub-headings.

⁵ nouns or pronouns used appropriately to aid cohesion and avoid repetition, e.g. he, she, they, it, etc.

⁶ noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives and prepositional phrases, e.g. the strict teacher with curly hair

How to Get to Starshine City⁴

Have you² ever dreamt¹² of visiting the magical¹² city of Starshine? This enchanting¹² world promises¹³ to amaze you and is definitely¹⁰ worth a visit. Read on to discover how to access the portal that will lead you to this magnificent secret world⁵, which¹¹ is full of wonder and excitement¹⁰.³

You will need:⁴

- the light of a full moon
- a flute or whistle
- a spade
- a notepad and pen
- five glass pebbles
- the secret password (from Gabriel the Gnome)^{3&4}

What to do:⁴

1. By the light of a full moon,⁷ travel to the bottom of your garden and call out, 'Open the portal'.
2. Listen for the hooting tune of the portal owl⁶ then use the flute or whistle to repeat it⁵ back exactly¹⁰ as heard.
3. After precisely¹⁰ one minute⁷, a small portal door will appear in the hedge to your right^{11&6}. Step through the door and shut it⁵ behind you.
4. Close your eyes and slowly¹⁰ spin around three times anticlockwise⁹.
5. When you have finished the last spin,⁷ open your eyes and step out of the portal. You will find yourself in a strange¹³ moonlit¹² forest⁶.
6. Look for the leafless¹⁰ oak tree, then use the spade to dig a hole at the base of the tree where the moss is a darker shade of green⁶.
7. Feel around in the hole to find a metal lever. Turn the lever to the left until the trunk of the tree splits² open to reveal a spiral staircase leading underground⁶.
8. Go down one hundred steps until you reach² a door marked 'The Gnomes⁸' House'. Then, rap on the door three times and call for 'Gabriel Sneezle'.
9. When Gabriel answers² the door (you will recognise him⁵ by his magnificent white, curly beard), ask him⁵ for the secret password and pay him with the glass pebbles. Record the password in the notebook.
10. Continue¹³ down the spiral staircase to the very bottom where¹¹ you will find yourself standing on a smooth slate slab⁶. Trace the password with your finger across the slab then count back slowly from ten to one.
11. With a flash and a bang,⁷ the slate beneath your feet will disappear^{9&13} and you will find² yourself whizzing down a chute¹¹ flooded with sparkling light directly into Starshine City⁶.³

When you arrive^{13&7}, don't forget to take lots of photographs, buy¹¹ one or two¹¹ souvenirs and make time to say hello to the quirky, local residents⁶. Have fun! You are certain¹³ to remember your visit to Starshine City forever.³

⁷ fronted adverbials used, e.g. As quick as a flash, Last weekend, etc. followed by a comma

⁸ possessive apostrophes used accurately for plural possession

⁹ prefix words spelt correctly, e.g. irrelevant, autograph, incorrect, disobey, superstar, antisocial, etc.

¹⁰ suffix words spelt correctly, e.g. usually, poisonous, adoration, etc.

¹¹ homophones spelt correctly, e.g. which and witch.

¹² knowledge of word families used to aid spelling

¹³ Y3/Y4 statutory spelling words