# Pie Corbett's teaching guide for progression in writing year by year

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Introduce:Introduce:Introduce:Introduce:Introduce:Introduce:Introduce:Introduce:Planning Tool -Story map /story mountainSimple sentencesSimple connectives: and who until butmy your and who until butFull stopsFull stopsLetterWhole class retelling of storySay a sentence, write and read it back to check it makes sense.minis that thatCapital lettersWordPetell simple 5-part story: Once upon a time First / Then / Next But SoCompound sentences using connectives (coordinating onjunctions) and / bu 'ly' openers Luckily / Unfortunately,compositions: up down in into out tosome allNon-fiction: Facual writing closely linked to a story Simple factual sentences based around a theme'Run' - Repetition for rhythm: e.g.Adjectives e.g. old, little, big, smille - using 'like'Simile - 'like'Non-fiction: Facual writing closely linked to a story Simele factual sentences based around a themeAdjectives e.g. old, little, big, smille - using 'like'Adverbs e.g. luckily, unfortunately, smille - using 'like'Adverbs e.g. luckily, unfortunately, smille - using 'like'Full stops
Names, Labels, Captions, Lists, Diagrams,

Note: In the Punctuation & Terminology columns any terms in bold are a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum in England Reception



Text Structure	Sentence Construction	Word Structure/Language	Punctuation	Terminology
Consolidate Reception list Introduce Fiction Planning Tools: Story	Consolidate Reception list (See Connectives and Sentence	Consolidate Reception list	Consolidate Reception list	Consolidate:
map / story mountain	Signposts doc.) Introduce:	Introduce: Prepositions:		Finger spaces
(Refer to Story-Type grids)	Types of sentences:	inside outside towards	Introduce:	
	Statements	across	Capital Letters: Capital	Letter
Plan opening around character(s),	Questions	under	letter for names	
setting, time of day and type of	Exclamations			Word
weather		Determiners:	Capital letter for the	
<b>Understanding -</b> beginning /middle	Simple Connectives: and or but so because	the a my your an this that his her their some	personal pronoun I	Sentence
/end to a story	so that then that while when where	all lots of many more those these	Full stops	Full stops
<b>Understanding</b> - 5 parts to a story:	Also as openers:	those these		
Opening	While When	Adjectives to describe	Question marks	Capital letter
<b>Opening</b> Once upon a time	Where	e.g. The <b>old</b> house		
Once upon a time	-'ly' openers	The <b>huge</b> elephant	Exclamation marks	Simile – 'like'
Build-up	Fortunately,Unfortunately,		Speech bubble	Introduce:
One day	Sadly,	Alliteration	Speech bubble	Introduce.
	Simple sentences e.g.	e.g. dangerous dragon	Bullet points	Punctuation
Problem / Dilemma	I went to the park.	slimy snake		
Suddenly,/ Unfortunately,	The castle is haunted.			Question mark
	Embellished simple sentences	Similes using asas		
Resolution		e.g. as tall as a house		Exclamation mark
Fortunately,		as red as a radish		
Fu din a		Precise, clear language to		Speech bubble
Ending Finally,		<b>give information e</b> .g. First, switch on the red		Bullet points
				Singular/ plural



Non-fiction:	using adjectives e.g.	button.	Adjective
(Refer to Connectives and Sentence	The giant had an enormous beard. Red	Next, wait for the green light	
Signposts document for	squirrels enjoy eating delicious nuts.	to flash	Verbs
Introduction and Endings)			
	Compound sentences using	Regular <b>plural noun</b>	Connective
Planning tools:	connectives (coordinating	suffixes -s or -es (e.g.	
text map / washing line	conjunctions) and/or/ but/so e.g.	dog, dogs; wish, wishes)	Alliteration
Heading	The children played on the swings <b>and</b> slid down the slide.	Suffixes that can be added to	Simile – 'as'
	Spiders can be small <b>or</b> they can be	<b>verbs</b> (e.g. helping, helped, helper)	
Introduction	large.	neiper)	
Opening factual statement	Charlie hid <b>but</b> Sally found him. It	How the <b>prefix</b> un– changes	
	was raining <b>so</b> they put on their	the meaning of <b>verbs</b> and	
Middle section(s)	coats.	adjectives (negation, e.g.	
Simple factual sentences around a them		unkind, or undoing, e.g. untie	
	Complex sentences:	the boat)	
Bullet points for instructions	Use of 'who' (relative clause) e.g.		
	Once upon a time there was a little old		
Labelled diagrams	woman <b>who</b> lived in a forest. There are		
	many children <b>who</b> like to eat ice		
Ending	cream.		
Concluding sentence	(Dun) Donothion for which we are the		
	<b>'Run' - Repetition for rhythm</b> e.g. He walked and he walked and he walked.		
	walked and he walked and he walked.		
	Repetition for description		
	e.g.		
	a lean cat, a mean cat		
	a green dragon, a fiery dragon		



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Consolidate Year 1 list Introduce:	Consolidate Year 1 list Introduce: (See Connectives and Sentence	Consolidate Year 1 list Introduce:	Consolidate Year 1 list	Consolidate:
<ul> <li>Fiction</li> <li>Secure use of planning tools: Story map / story mountain / story grids/ 'Boxingup' grid (Refer to Story Types grids)</li> <li>Plan opening around character(s), setting, time of day and type of weather</li> <li>Understanding 5 parts to a story with more complex vocabulary</li> <li>Opening e.g.</li> <li>In a land far away</li> <li>One cold but bright morning Build-up e.g.</li> <li>Later that day</li> <li>Problem / Dilemma e.g. To his amazement Resolution e.g. As soon as Ending e.g.</li> <li>Luckily, Fortunately,</li> <li>Ending should be a section rather than one final sentence e.g. suggest how the main character is feeling in the final situation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(See Connectives and Sentence Signposts doc.)</li> <li>Types of sentences: Statements Questions Exclamations Commands</li> <li>-'ly' starters e.g. Usually, Eventually, Finally, Carefully, Slowly,</li> <li>Vary openers to sentences</li> <li>Embellished simple sentences using: adjectives e.g. The boys peeped inside the dark cave. adverbs e.g. Tom ran quickly down the hill.</li> <li>Secure use of compound sentences (Coordination) using connectives: and/ or / but / so (coordinating conjunctions)</li> <li>Complex sentences (Subordination) using:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prepositions:</li> <li>behind above along</li> <li>before between after</li> <li>Alliteration <ul> <li>e.g. wicked witch</li> <li>slimy slugs</li> </ul> </li> <li>Similes usinglike e.g.</li> <li> like sizzling sausages</li> <li>hot like a fire</li> <li>Two adjectives to describe</li> <li>the noun</li> <li>e.g.</li> <li>The scary, old woman</li> <li>Squirrels have long, bushy tails.</li> </ul>	Introduce: Demarcate sentences: Capital letters Full stops Question marks Exclamation marks Exclamation marks Comma to separate items in a list Comma after –ly opener e.g. Fortunately,Slow ly,  Speech bubbles /speech marks for direct speech	Punctuation   Finger spaces  Letter  Vord  Sentence  Full stops  Capital letter  Question mark  Exclamation mark  Speech bubble Bullet points  Singular/ plural  Adjective Verb Connective Alliteration Simile – 'as'/ 'like'  Introduce: Apostrophe (contraction:
	Drop in a relative clause: who/which e.g.	Lift the pot carefully onto	Apostrophes to mark contracted forms in spelling e.g. don't, can't	and singular possession)





Text Structure	Sentence Construction	Word / Language	Punctuation	Terminology
Text Structure Consolidate Year 2 list Introduce: Fiction Secure use of planning tools: Story map /story mountain / story grids / 'Boxing-up' grid (Refer to Story-Type grids) Plan opening around character(s), setting, time of day and type of weather Paragraphs to organise ideas into each story part Extended vocabulary to introduce 5 story parts: Introduction -should include detailed description of setting or characters Build-up - build in some suspense towards the problem or dilemma Problem / Dilemma -include detail of actions / dialogue Resolution - should link with the problem Ending - clear ending should link back to the start, show how the character is feeling, how the character or situation has changed from the beginning.	Consolidate Year 2 list Introduce: Vary long and short sentences: Long sentences to add description or information. Short sentences for emphasis and making key points e.g. Sam was really unhappy. Visit the farm now. Embellished simple sentences: Adverb starters to add detail e.g. Carefully, she crawled along the floor of the cave Amazingly, small insects can Adverbial phrases used as a 'where', 'when' or 'how' starter (fronted adverbials) A few days ago, we discovered a hidden box. At the back of the eye, is the retina.	Consolidate Year 2 list	Punctuation         Consolidate Year         2 list         Introduce:         Colon before a list         e.g. What you         need:         Ellipses to keep the         reader         hanging on         Secure       use         Viverted commas         for direct speech         Use of commas after         fronted adverbials         (e.g. Later that day, I         heard the bad         news.)	Consolidate: Punctuation Finger spaces Letter Word Sentence Statement question exclamation Command Full stops Capital letter Question mark Exclamation mark Speech bubble
Non-Fiction (Refer to Connectives and Sentence Signposts document for Introduction and	<b>Develop complex sentences</b> (Subordination) with range of subordinating conjunctions	this variety can breathe on any creature and turn		Singular/ plural Suffix



(See Connectives and Sentence Signposts doc.)	it to stone	Adjective / noun / Noun
-'ing' clauses as starters e.g.	immediately.	phrases Verb / adverb



Introduce:	Sighing, the boy finished his homework.	Drops of rain	futu	<b>e)</b> Connective
Secure use of planning tools:	Grunting, the pig lay down to sleep.	pounded on the	Gene	eralisers
e.g. Text map, washing line, 'Boxing –up' grid,		corrugated, tin roof.		
story grids	Drop in a relative clause using:		Allite	eration
Paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme	who/whom/which/whose/ that	Nouns formed from	Simil	e – 'as'/ 'like'
Introduction	e.g.	prefixes		
Develop hook to introduce and tempt reader in	The girl, <b>whom</b> I remember, had	e.g. auto	Intro	duce:
e.g.	long black hair.	superanti		Word family
Who? What? Where?	The boy, <b>whose</b> name is George, thinks he is very			Conjunction
Why? When? How?	brave.	Word Families based on common words	•	-
Middle Section(s)	The enter suspension bridge, when was	e.g. teacher -teach,	•	Adverb
Group related ideas /facts into paragraphs	finished in 1864,is a popular tourist attraction.	beauty – beautiful	•	Preposition
Sub headings to introduce sections/paragraphs		Seddty Seddtijdi	•	Direct speech
Topic sentences to introduce paragraphs	Sentence of 3 for description e.g. The cottage	Use of determiners a		Inverted commas
Lists of steps to be taken	was almost invisible, hiding under a thick layer	or an according to		
Bullet points for facts	of snow and glistening in the sunlight.	whether next word		Prefix
Flow diagram	Rainbow dragons are covered with many	begins with a vowel	•	Consonant/Vowel
Develop Ending	different coloured scales, have enormous, red	e.g. a rock, an open	•	Clause
Personal response	eyes and swim on the surface of the water.	box		Subordinate clause
Extra information / reminders e.g. Information				
boxes/ Five Amazing Facts	Pattern of 3 for persuasion e.g.		•	Determiner
Wow comment	Visit, Swim, Enjoy!			<u>Synonyms</u>
Use of the perfect form of verbs to mark			•	Relative clause
relationships of time and cause e.g. I have	Topic sentences to introduce non-fiction		•	Relative pronoun
written it down so I can check what it said. Use				
of present perfect instead of simple past. He	Dragons are found across the world.			<u>Imperative</u>
has left his hat behind, as opposed to He left	Dialogue -powerful speech verb		•	Colon for instructions
his hat behind.	e.g. "Hello," she whispered.			



Text Structure	Sentence Construction	Word Structure/Language	Punctuation	Terminology
Consolidate Year 3 list	Consolidate Year 3 list	Consolidate Year 3	Consolidate Year 3	<u>Consolidate</u> :
		list	list	
Introduce:	Introduce:	Introduce: Prepositions		Punctuation
Secure use of planning tools:	Standard English for verb inflections instead of	at	Introduce:	Finger spaces
e.g. story map /story mountain	local spoken forms	underneath	Commas to mark	
/story grids /'Boxing-up' grids		since	clauses and to mark	• Letter
(Refer to Story Types grids)	Long and short sentences:	towards	off fronted	• Word
	Long sentences to enhance description or	beneath	adverbials	Sentence
Plan opening using:	information	beyond		Statement question
Description /action			Full punctuation for	exclamation Command
_	Short sentences to move events on quickly		direct speech:	
•••	e.g. It was midnight.	<b>Conditionals</b> - could,	Each new speaker on a	Full stops
organise each part of story to	lt's great fun.	should, would	new line	Capital letter
indicate a change in place or jump			Comma between	Question mark
in time	Start with a simile	Comparative and	direct speech and	Exclamation mark
	e.g. As curved as a ball, the moon shone brightly	<b>superlative</b> adjectives e.g. smallsmallersmallersmallest	reporting clause e.g.	
Build in suspense writing to	in the night sky.	goodbetterbest	"It's late," gasped	Speech bubble
introduce the dilemma	Like a wailing cat, the ambulance screamed down the road.	goodbellerbest	Cinderella!	<ul> <li>'Speech marks'</li> </ul>
Developed 5 parts to story	down the road.	Proper nouns refers to a	Apostrophes to	• Direct speech
Introduction	Secure use of simple / embellished simple	particular person or	mark singular and	Inverted commas
Build-up	sentences	thing e.g. Monday,	plural possession	Bullet points
Problem / Dilemma		Jessica,	(e.g. the girl's name,	
Resolution	Secure use of compound sentences	October, England	the boys'	<ul> <li>Apostrophe (contractions only)</li> </ul>
Ending	(Coordination) using coordinating conjunction		boots) as opposed to s	
	and / or / but / so / for / nor / yet (coordinating	The grammatical difference		Commas for sentence of
Clear distinction between resolution	conjunctions)	between plural and	mark a plural	3 – description, action
and ending. Ending should include		<b>possessive</b> –s		Colon - instructions
reflection on events or the	Develop complex sentences:			
characters.	(Subordination)			Singular/ plural
	Main and subordinate clauses with range of			Suffix/ Prefix
				Word family



		Consonant/Vowel

subordinating conjunctions.	Standard English	Adjective / noun / noun phrase
(See Connectives and Sentence Signposts doc.)	forms for <b>verb</b>	Verb / Adverb Bossy verbs -
	inflections instead of	imperative
-'ed' clauses as starters e.g.	local spoken forms	Tense (past, present, future)
Frightened, Tom ran straight home to avoid being	(e.g. we were instead	Connective
-	of we was, or I did	Conjunction
Exhausted, the Roman soldier collapsed at his post.	instead of I done)	Preposition
		<b>Determiner</b> / generaliser
		Clause
		Subordinate clause
		Relative clause
		Relative pronoun
Drop in - 'ing' clause e.g.		Alliteration
		Simile – 'as'/ 'like'
		Synonyms
houses.		
		Introduce:
Sentence of 3 for action e.g.		Pronoun
Sam rushed down the road, jumped on the bus and		Possessive pronoun
		Adverbial
the weather.		Fronted adverbial
Departition to nerve do a c		Apostrophe – plural
		possession
wnispereu, snyly.		
Appropriate choice of propoun or noun within a		
	<ul> <li>-'ed' clauses as starters e.g.</li> <li>Frightened, Tom ran straight home to avoid being caught.</li> <li>Exhausted, the Roman soldier collapsed at his post.</li> <li>Expanded -'ing' clauses as starters e.g. Grinning menacingly, he slipped the treasure into his rucksack.</li> <li>Hopping speedily towards the pool, the frog dived underneath the leaves.</li> <li>Drop in -'ing' clause e.g.</li> <li>Jane, laughing at the teacher, fell off her chair. The tornedo, sweeping across the city, destroyed the houses.</li> <li>Sentence of 3 for action e.g.</li> </ul>	-'ed' clauses as starters e.g.inflections instead of local spoken forms (e.g. we were instead of we was, or I did instead of I done)Expanded -'ing' clauses as starters e.g. Grinning menacingly, he slipped the treasure into his rucksack. Hopping speedily towards the pool, the frog dived underneath the leaves



#### Word Structure/Language Punctuation Terminology **Text Structure** Sentence Construction **Consolidate Year 4 list Consolidate Year 4 list Consolidate Year 4 list Introduce:** Consolidate Year 4 list **Consolidate: Relative clauses beginning with** who, which, that, where, when, Introduce: Introduce: Introduce: Punctuation whose or an omitted relative Secure independent use of planning Letter/Word pronoun. tools Metaphor Rhetorical question Sentence Story mountain /grids/flow diagrams Secure use of simple / (Refer to Story Types grids) Statement guestion Personification Dashes embellished simple sentences exclamation Command **Plan opening using:** Onomatopoeia Brackets/dashes/commas Full stops/ Capitals Secure use of compound Description /action/dialogue for parenthesis **Question mark** sentences Empty words e.g. **Exclamation mark** Paragraphs: someone, somewhere was Colons **Develop complex sentences:** Vary connectives within paragraphs to 'Speech marks' out to (Subordination) build cohesion into a paragraph Use get him Use of commas to clarify **Direct speech** Main and subordinate clauses change of place, time and action to link meaning or avoid ambiguity Inverted commas with full range of conjunctions: ideas across paragraphs. Developed use of (See Connectives and Sentence Bullet points technical language Signposts doc.) Use 5-part story structure Apostrophe Writing could start at any of the 5 points. contractions/ possession Expanded -ed clauses as starters This may include flashbacks Converting nouns or Commas for sentence of **Introduction** -should include action/ e.g. adjectives into verbs using 3 - description, action description -character or setting/ Encouraged by the bright suffixes (e.g. - ate; -ise; -Colon - instructions weather, Jane set out for a long dialogue ifv) **Build-up** -develop suspense techniques walk. Parenthesis / bracket / **Problem / Dilemma -**may be more than Terrified by the dragon, George Verb prefixes (e.g. dis-, dedash fell to his knees. one problem to be resolved Resolution -. mis–. over– and re–) clear links with dilemma Ending -Singular/ plural Elaboration of starters using character could reflect on events, any Suffix/ Prefix

Word family

Consonant/Vowel

Year 5

changes or lessons, look



e.g.

adverbial phrases

the

Beyond the dark gloom of

Adjective / noun / noun phrase
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forward to the future ask a question.	cave, Zach saw the wizard move.		Verb / Adverb
	Throughout the night, the wind		Bossy verbs - imperative
Non-Fiction	howled like an injured creature.		Tense (past, present, future)
(Refer to Connectives and Sentence			Conjunction / Connective
Signposts document for	Drop in - 'ed' clause e.g.		Preposition
Introduction and Endings)	Poor Tim, exhausted by so much		Determiner/ generaliser
	effort, ran home. The lesser known Bristol dragon,		Pronoun – relative/ possessive
Introduce:	recognised by purple spots, is rarely		Clause
Independent planning across all genres	seen.		Subordinate/ relative clause
and application	50011		Adverbial
	Sentence reshaping techniques e.g.		Fronted adverbial
Secure use of range of layouts suitable to	lengthening or shortening sentence		
text.	for meaning and /or effect		Alliteration
Structure:			Simile – 'as'/ 'like'
	Moving sentence chunks (how,		Synonyms
Introduction / Middle / Ending	when, where) around for		
Secure use of paragraphs:	different effects e.g. The siren		Introduce:
Use a variety of ways to open texts and	echoed loudly		Relative clause/ pronoun
draw reader in and make the purpose	through the lonely streetsat		Modal verb
clear	midnight		
			Parenthesis
Link ideas within and across paragraphs	Use of rhetorical questions		• Bracket- dash
using a full range of connectives and			Determiner
signposts Use rhetorical questions to	Stage directions in speech (speech +		Cohesion
draw reader in	verb + action) e.g. "Stop!" he		
	shouted, picking up the stick and		Ambiguity
Express own opinions clearly	running after the thief.		Metaphor
Consistently maintain viewpoint	Indicating degrees of possibility		Personification
	using modal verbs (e.g. might,		Onomatopoeia
Summary clear at the end to appeal	should, will, must) or adverbs		•
directly to the reader	(perhaps, surely)		Rhetorical question



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Consolidate Year 5 list	Consolidate Year 5 list	Consolidate Year 5 list	Consolidate Year 5 list	<u>Consolidate</u> :
Secure independent planning across story types using 5 part story structure. Include suspense, cliff hangers, flashbacks/forwards, time slips Start story at any point of the 5 part structure Maintain plot consistently working from plan Paragraphs -Secure use of linking ideas within and across paragraphs Secure development of characterisation Non-fiction: Secure planning across nonfiction genres and application Use a variety of text layouts appropriate to purpose Use range of techniques to involve	Secure use of simple / embellished simple sentences Secure use of compound sentences Secure use of complex sentences: (Subordination) Main and subordinate clauses with full range of conjunctions: (See Connectives and Sentence Signposts doc.) Active and passive verbs to create effect and to affect presentation of information e.g. Active: Tom accidently dropped the glass. Passive: The glass was accidently dropped by Tom. Active: The class heated the water. Passive: The water was heated.	Build in literary feature to create effects e.g. alliteration, onomatopoeia, similes, metaphors The difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing (e.g. said versus reported, alleged, or claimed in formal speech or writing) How words are related as synonyms and antonyms e.g. big/ large / little	Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to indicate a stronger subdivision of a <b>sentence</b> than a comma. Use of colon to introduce a list and semicolons within lists. <b>Punctuation</b> of bullet points to list information. How hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity (e.g. man eating shark versus maneating shark, or recover versus re-cover)	Punctuation•Letter/ Word•Sentence•Statement question exclamation Command•Full stops/ Capitals•Question mark•Exclamation mark•Exclamation mark•Speech marks'•Direct speech•Inverted commas•Bullet points•Apostrophe contractions/ possession•Commas for sentence of 3 - description, action, views/opinions, facts•Colon - instructions•Parenthesis•Bracket- dash
the reader -comments, questions, observations, rhetorical questions				Singular/ plural Suffix/ Prefix Word family Consonant/Vowel



		Adjective / noun / noun phrase
Express balanced coverage of a topic	Developed use of rhetorical	Verb / Adverb
	questions for persuasion	Bossy verbs - imperative Tense
Use different techniques to conclude		(past, present, future) modal
texts	Expanded <b>noun phrases</b> to	verb
	convey complicated	<b>Conjunction</b> / Connective
Use appropriate formal and informal	information concisely (e.g. the	Preposition
styles of writing	boy that jumped over the fence	<b>Determiner</b> / generaliser
	is over there, or the fact that it	Pronoun – relative/ possessive
Choose or create publishing format to	was raining meant the end of	Clause
enhance text type and engage the	sports day)	Subordinate / relative clause
reader		Adverbial
	The difference between	Fronted adverbial
Linking ideas across paragraphs	structures typical of informal	Rhetorical question
using a wider range of <b>cohesive</b>	speech and structures	
devices: semantic cohesion (e.g.	appropriate for formal speech	Cohesion
repetition of a <b>word</b> or phrase), grammatical connections (e.g. the	and writing (such as the use of	Ambiguity
use of <b>adverbials</b> such as on the	question tags, e.g. <i>He's your</i> <i>friend, isn't he?</i> , or the use of	Alliteration
other hand, in contrast, or as a	the <b>subjunctive</b> in some very	Simile – 'as'/ 'like'
consequence), and <b>elision</b> Layout	formal writing and speech) as in	Synonyms
devices, such as headings, sub-	If I were you.	Metaphor
headings, columns, bullets,		Personification
or tables, to structure text		Onomatopoeia
		Introduce:
		Active and passive voice
		Subject and object
		• Hyphen
		Synonym, antonym
		Colon/ semi-colon
		Bullet points
		• Ellipsis



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