

Grammar



- ★ Let's work on our sentences!
- ★ You will need a piece of paper or a note pad, and something to write with, or a computer.

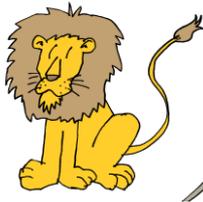
The Substitution Game

a) In this sentence from *The King of the Fishes*, the writer has picked three parts of the fish to describe in detail.

It had **silver** **scales** **that** glittered in the sunlight, **blood-red** **fins** and a **golden** **crown**.

b) The **nouns** have **adjectives** before them.

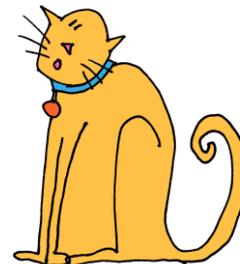
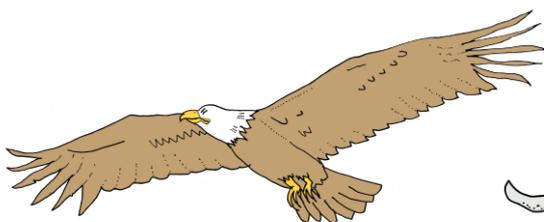
The writer has added extra detail about the scales by using **that** to add on a relative clause: 'that glittered in the sunlight'.



c) Can you see that my sentence is the same but it is about a lion? I am substituting the words in the sentence for new ones.
Don't forget your comma!

It had **giant** **paws** **that** thundered across the earth, **sandy** **fur** and a **fearsome** **roar**.

d) Make up your own sentences by substituting! You can use the pictures below for some ideas



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- ★ Let's do a little bit more!
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Similar or different?

a) The writer of our story uses 'fronted adverbials' to tell the reader **where**, **when** or **how** something is happening. Two examples:

Immediately, Li hurried home, wondering what on earth he should wish for.

Suddenly, he stopped pacing and grinned.

b) These fronted adverbials – **immediately** and **suddenly** – have a similar meaning: '*to do something very fast, without waiting.*' 'Suddenly' also makes the reader feel as though it has been a surprise; something unexpected.

c) Sort the words below. Are they similar to the meaning of 'immediately' or are they more like 'slowly'? Write them under the word they are most similar to, or in the middle if you're not sure!

d) Practise them in sentences of your own.

Leisurely,

Steadily,

Straight away,

All at once,

Suddenly,

Bit by bit,

As quick as flash,

Gradually,

Immediately,

Suddenly,

Slowly,

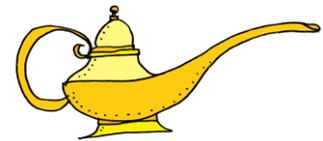
Boxing up



- ★ The King of the Fishes is a wishing tale.
- ★ Let's look at the underlying pattern of the story by putting each section of the plot into a separate box. Later, we can use this to help us plan a new story.

A typical wishing tale will follow this type of plot:

Main character (MC) really wants something
MC tries to get what they want
A barrier gets in the way
MC overcomes the barrier
MC gets what they wished for
Sometimes all is well – sometimes not!



When you box up *The King of the Fishes*, it follows a similar pattern:

The King of the Fishes	Plot Pattern	My New Story Plan
Li is a poor fisherman.	MC is poor	
Li catches the King of the fishes but chooses to put it back	MC rescues an animal that is the King or Queen of its kind.	
The King of the Fishes grants Li one wish.	The animal grants the MC one wish.	
Li asks each member of his family what they would wish for. He struggles to decide.	The MC struggles to decide what to wish for.	
Li combines three wishes into one and asks the King of the Fishes for his wish.	The MC chooses his wish, asks the creature and his wish is granted.	
Everyone is happy. Li is now rich.	All is well. The MC is now rich.	

Innovation Ideas

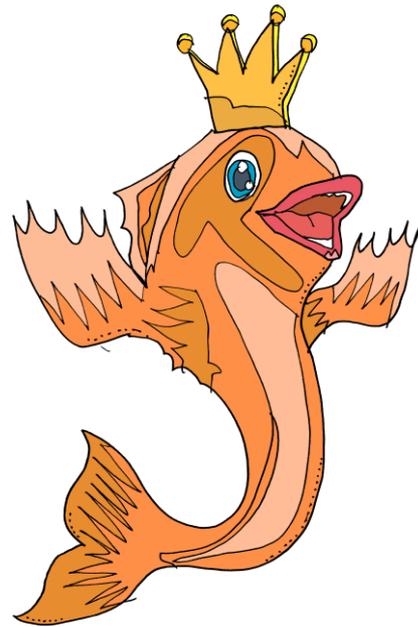


- ★ In your story, your main character will need to rescue a King or a Queen of a species.
- ★ Here's a chance to get creative. Pick an animal and draw or describe what the King or Queen of its kind would look like. You could use paper and coloured pens or pencils. You could make a model or use a computer.

This is what Zoe (Y4) thought the King of the Aliens would look like!



And here is another Y4 pupil's work – The Queen of the Iguanas!



Innovation Ideas



- ★ I have planned two new stories. One hugs very closely to the model and one just shakes hands with it.
- ★ Have a look at mine. Then, on the next page, there is a blank boxing up grid for you to plan your new story. Will you hug close to the model or just shake hands with it? It's up to you!

Hugging Close to the Model

Use the same basic story and just change the key characters and objects.

King of the Fishes	Plot Pattern	My New Story Plan
Li is a poor fisherman.	MC is poor	<i>Zoe is a poor oyster diver .</i>
Li catches the King of the fishes but chooses to put it back	MC rescues an animal that is the King or Queen of its kind.	<i>Zoe catches an oyster with a fabulous pearl. Puts it back. Turns out it is the Queen of the oysters.</i>
The King of the Fishes grants Li one wish.	The animal grants the MC one wish.	<i>Oyster grants Zoe one wish.</i>
Li asks each member of his family what they would wish for. He struggles to decide.	The MC struggles to decide what to wish for.	<i>Zoe wants her uncle to have money to fix the leaks, her mother to walk again and she wants to have a puppy.</i>
Li combines three wishes into one and asks the King of the Fishes for his wish.	The MC chooses his wish, asks the creature and his wish is granted.	<i>Zoe wishes for her mum to dance around with her puppy in the garden of their mansion.</i>
Everyone is happy.	All is well. The MC is now rich.	<i>Zoe is rich and all her dreams have come true.</i>

Shaking Hands with the Model

- ★ Use the same wishing story idea but break away from the model and make the story your own

King of the Fishes	Plot Pattern	My New Story Plan
Li is a poor fisherman.	MC is poor	<i>Zoe is a poor, runaway dancer who dances for crowds in London. Cut off from family.</i>
Li catches the King of the fishes but chooses to put it back	MC rescues an animal that is the King or Queen of its kind.	<i>Zoe helps a lost alien find his ship. Alien is king of his planet.</i>
The King of the Fishes grants Li one wish.	The animal grants the MC one wish.	<i>Alien grants Zoe one wish.</i>
Li asks each member of his family what they would wish for. He struggles to decide.	The MC struggles to decide what to wish for.	<i>Zoe wants to dance for the royal ballet, give her mum back her sight and go back in time so she never chose to leave home.</i>
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Everyone is happy.	All is well. The MC is now rich.	<i>MC is now a famous, rich dancer and friends again with mum.</i>

Plan your story

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