



COLEGIO DE FOMENTO  
MONTEALTO

# Summer Writing Booklet





# Welcome to Montealto's Summer Reading Bingo Challenge

How to play: You may only use one book per square. When you have read a book following the directions in the square you mark the square with an "X" to show that the task has been completed.

Once all of the squares have been marked with an "X" you have completed the Reading Bingo Challenge!!!

Good luck and happy reading!!!

<b>R</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>
<i>Under a tree</i>	Out loud to my brother or sister	In my pyjamas	<b>At the park</b>
Out loud to Grandma or Grandpa	While wearing a costume	<i>In a secret hideout</i>	Out loud to Dad
<i>With a flashlight</i>	<i>On the stairs</i>	<b>In my bed</b>	<b>In the car</b>
Anywhere you want	<i>At the library</i>	<del>In the</del> <b>morning</b>	On the patio
In the kitchen	While wearing my swimming suit	On the couch	<i>Out loud to mom</i>
<del>On Mom and Dad's bed</del>	In the garden	<b>Out loud to my friend</b>	<b>In silence</b>

# Guidelines for writing book reviews

Copy the guide below to help you write a book review of a book that you have read recently.



**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Complete in full, using capital letters as necessary.)

**Main Characters:** (Only the most important people.)

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**Summary:** (Brief outline only, but in the right order.)

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**Opinions:** (Your own views.)

**Plot:** (What happens? Is it believable, exciting etc?)

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**Characters:** (Do they seem real? Do you like or dislike them?)

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**Language:** (Write a different ending)

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# Montealto's Story Writing Map



*Who?*



*What?*

*Where?*



*How?*



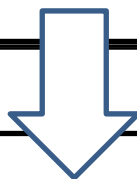
*Why?*



*What happens next?*



*How does it end?*





# Character traits



What Are Character Traits?



Before we begin, I want you to take time to think about your friends, family members, neighbours, or just anyone who you meet on a regular basis. Without thinking about their physical appearance, how would you describe them to someone else? Are these people funny? Sincere? Sneaky? Stubborn?

These are just a few descriptive adjectives used to describe someone's personality, and that is exactly what character traits are. They are words used to describe how characters act during certain situations or what kind of people they are. Character traits are sometimes described as good or bad, and everyone has them. You can even identify character traits in characters you see in movies, TV shows, and books!

There are many different words to describe a person's character traits, here are just a few of them...



- active
- adventurous
- afraid
- ambitious
- angry
- bored
- bossy
- brave
- clever
- clumsy
- confident
- confused
- cruel
- curious
- depressed
- determined



- dishonest
- easy-going
- embarrassed
- friendly
- funny
- glamorous
- grumpy
- happy
- honest
- ignorant
- imaginative
- impatient
- innocent
- intelligent
- lazy
- lucky



- mysterious
- nervous
- noisy
- popular
- quiet
- responsible
- scared
- serious
- shy
- strange
- sweet
- weak



# All kinds of adjectives...

(an adjective word is a word that is used to describe a noun)

## Appearance

attractive  
elegant  
glamorous  
handsome  
lovely  
perfect

## Personality

aggressive  
brave clumsy  
cruel  
generous  
helpful  
mysterious  
selfish  
talented

## Shape

Curved  
Narrow  
Deep  
flat

## Feelings (Positive)

brave  
calm  
proud  
silly

## Feelings (Negative)

anxious  
clumsy  
nervous

## Touch

bumpy  
rough  
smooth

## Quantity

Empty  
Heavy  
light

## Taste

bitter  
fresh  
juicy  
tasteless  
icy  
sticky  
spicy  
greasy

## Size

Gigantic  
Huge  
Massive  
Teeny-ting

## Time

Old-fashioned  
Quick  
early

## Sound

thundering

# Descriptive Words

## Hard

- **Complicated**
- **tough**

## Happy

- delighted
- glad

## Large

- *big*
- *enormous*
- *huge*

## Kind

- loving
- patient
- sweet

## Walk

- hike
- march
- stroll

## Small

- Little
- tiny

## Easy

- simple

**Why not write  
your own list?**

## Funny

- amusing

## Run

- *race*
- *rush*

## SAD

- **DEPRESSED**
- **UNHAPPY**





# **Other ways to say...**

**Nice**

**lovely  
pleasing  
enjoyable**

**happy**

**delighted  
cheerful  
pleased  
glad**

**good**

**Excellent  
amazing super  
wonderful  
fantastic**

**bad**

**awful  
terrific  
unpleasant  
lousy**

**like**

**admire  
cherish  
approve  
treasure**

**sad**

**miserable  
depressed  
unhappy  
upset**

**laughed**

**giggled  
chuckled  
roared  
grinned**

**said**

**commented  
replied  
explained  
exclaimed  
shouted**

**big**

**huge giant  
enormous  
large  
colossal**

**little**

**small  
tiny  
itsy-bitsy  
teeny**

**pretty**

**beautiful  
gorgeous  
cute lovely  
attractive  
elegant  
handsome**

**looked**

**gazed  
glanced  
peeked  
stared**

**scared**

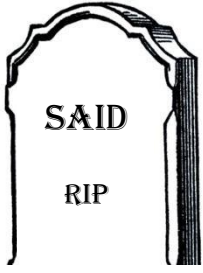
**afraid  
frightened  
horrified  
alarmed**

**walked**

**strolled  
tiptoed  
marched  
crept**

**ran**

**sped  
rushed  
fled  
raced**



# Said is dead... but *how* did they say it?

## ***Normally?***

- ❖ spoke
- ❖ reported
- ❖ added

## ***As a question?***

- ❖ asked

## ***As an answer?***

- ❖ answered
- ❖ explained

## ***Happily?***

- ❖ laughed
- ❖ joked

## ***Loudly?***

- ❖ shouted
- ❖ screamed
- ❖ exclaimed

## ***Full of worry?***

- ❖ trembled
- ❖ stuttered

## ***Angrily?***

- ❖ demanded
- ❖ barked

## ***Bossily?***

- ❖ ordered
- ❖ insisted

## ***Sadly?***

- ❖ cried
- ❖ sobbed

## ***Quietly?***

- ❖ whispered

## ***Silently?***

- ❖ Thought

# ***Words to avoid using***

## ***“Very”***

afraid – ***terrified***

angry – ***furious***

bad – ***atrocious***

beautiful – ***exquisite***

big – ***immense***

bright – ***dazzling***

clean – ***spotless***

clever – ***brilliant***

cold – ***freezing*** dirty

– ***squalid***

dry – ***parched***

fast – ***quick***

good – ***superb***

happy – ***jubilant***

hot – ***scalding***

hungry – ***ravenous***

large – ***colossal***

neat – ***immaculate***

old – ***ancient*** poor

– ***destitute*** pretty

– ***beautiful*** quiet

– ***silent***

risky – ***perilous***

roomy – ***spacious***

rude – ***vulgar***

serious – ***solemn***

small – ***tiny***

stupid – ***idiotic***

tasty – ***delicious***

tired – ***exhausted***

ugly – ***hideous***

weak – ***feeble***

wet – ***soaked***

worried – ***anxious***

# Transition words and phrases

Word or phrases to help sequence ideas or transition between sentences or paragraphs

- First.... Second.... Third....
- First... next.... Then.... Last.... Finally
- At first
- At last
- Finally
- Later
- Soon

Words or phrases to show location

- Above , across, against
- along, among, around
- Behind, below, beneath
- beside, between, by
- Down, in front of, inside
- into, near, off
- On top of, outside, over
- to the right, under

Words or phrases to add information

- Again
- Also
- Another
- And
- Besides
- For example
- For instance
- Next
- Finally

Words or phrases  
to show time

- Today
- Next
- Tomorrow
- Before
- Now
- Next week
- When suddenly
- Yesterday
- Finally

Words or phrases  
to contrast things

- But
- Yet
- On the other hand

Words or phrases  
to help conclude a  
piece of writing

- In conclusion
- Finally
- Therefore
- As a result
- In summary

# Idioms

Idioms are word combinations that have meanings that can't be figured out by looking up the words in the dictionary.

They have meanings that are understood by people who speak that language, but are very hard to understand for people who don't speak that language.



Saved by the bell

*(Saved from something at the last minute)*

On the same page

*(To understand something the same way;  
to have the same thoughts about something)*



Eats like a bird/sparrow

*(Eats very little)*

On top of the world

*(Feeling great)*



In hot water

*(In trouble)*



Raining cats and dogs

*(Raining very heavily)*



Back to the drawing board

*(Have to start something from the beginning again)*

Smell a rat

*(Know that there is something suspicious happening)*



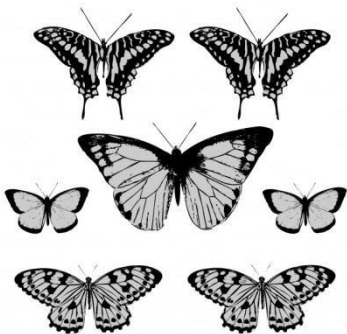
A piece of cake

*(Something is very easy)*



When pigs fly

*(Something that will probably never happen)*

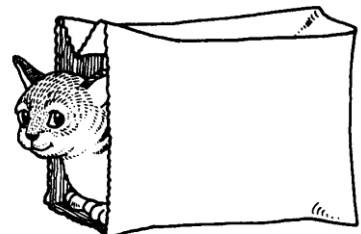


Butterflies in my stomach

*(To be nervous about something)*

To let the cat out of the bag

*(To let someone know something secret)*



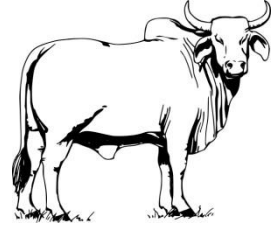


# Similes

A simile is a type of idiom. It likens one thing to another thing.

As strong as an ox

*(about a person with great strength)*

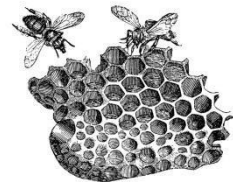


As light as a feather

*(when something weighs very little)*

As busy as a bee

*(about a person who is working a lot)*



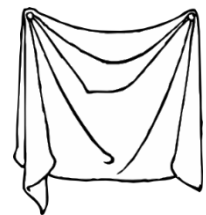
As quiet as a mouse

*(someone who is shy and untalkative;*

*someone who is being quiet so as not to be heard)*

As white as a sheet

*(when someone's face is white due to fear)*



As black as night

*(when something is very black or dark)*

To eat like a horse

*(to describe someone who always has a big appetite)*

