

Starter

'Pre-Fixated'

How many other words can you write or find with the prefix 'under'?

List Lines

Write a list of ten things that are not good to underestimate – such as how much something will cost or how long something takes to do.

underestimated

To have guessed the outcome of something much lower than it actually turns out. People often underestimate the cost of redecorating a house.

Spellround

Write the word ten times forwards. Then, without looking at the word, spell it backwards out loud.

Tense Transform

Write the word in as many different tenses as you can. Even better, write full sentences for each example!

LO. I am learning
to write a
narrative.



Today you will write your narrative using your S plan from yesterday.

Read this short story to help you with your own. You can magpie ideas but do not copy.

White Lies

Rats scuttle, maggots crawl as my wrinkled hands fix a bayonet to my rifle. Hair and furrowed eyebrows blend in the strong gusts of wind. Gun fire overhead fills my ears, as I sit in a trench full of sorrow and despair. Guilt and fear rush through my veins as I contemplate the appalling crime I have committed. What will be the consequence of my unforgivable actions?

Theft. The word makes my hairs stand on end, and throat dry with anxiety. I think back to that fearful moment on a bleak, cloudy night. Trembling I had scooped a handful of the nauseating, vile stew; we had been starved of food for days and my empty stomach could take no more. I ate and ate until I could consume nothing else. As I gulped, the taste echoed on my tongue and a cold night breeze brushed my cheeks. A scary silence allowed guilty memories to attack my conscience, creating a fear far greater than that of being killed.

What started off as a white lie now leaves me feeling a suspect to a much greater crime. How could I have done this to my colleagues? Who my life may depend on, when we go over the top. We are all as hungry, tired, scared and cold. Now more than ever the realisation that trust plays a major role in our lives, while together in this bog. Sweat drips from my forehead and my heart pumps swiftly. Never shall I let this happen ever again.

Vague clouds begin to fade, my scarlet lips dry and crinkled slowly lose colour. Beige, mud stained uniforms line both sides of the trench. Teeth chatter and hands shake. Wooden ladders are propped up against the walls leading to an uncertain future. I have never seen such a mass of fear in pale, drained faces. I feel like I couldn't tell even the closest of friends, though a confession at this moment would be an unnecessary waste of time.

Unlike myself, food isn't likely to be a great importance to another soldier at this time.

Hush fills the air and a stench fills our noses. My hands tremble like an earthquake. The Field Martials eyes glare at his snowy-white wristwatch and a silver whistle shines brightly between his colourless lips. I trim my nails with my teeth just before I take a deep breath to quell my anxiety. Expanding cheeks leads towards a strong, shrill sound which pierces the air. All hell breaks loose as we clamber up the ladders.

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Use your S plan from yesterday to write your narrative.

When you are writing, make sure you think about these things:

Who will be reading your story? Who is your audience?

Which wow words will you include in your narrative?

Remember to organise your writing into paragraphs.

Will you write in first person (I) or third person (he)?

Which writing features will you include?

CHALLENGE

- Subordinating conjunctions
- Relative clauses
- Fronted adverbials
- Semi-colons

edit



Have you:

- got capital letters and full stops in the right place?
- read your sentences aloud to check that they all make sense?
- dotted any words you didn't know how to spell and used a dictionary to check them?
- used a few interesting and engaging word choices?
- organised your writing into paragraphs?

Extension

When you have finished writing your narrative, make sure you have checked it and then publish. You could use the publishing paper on the website or create your own.