

STAGE 4 ENGLISH WEEK 7



LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES AND ASSESSMENT

This week, you will be working on preparing for your assessment.

Your assessment is a descriptive essay, responding to the question:

How does the text 'Luke Lloyd Alienoid' by John Armstrong capture the themes of friendship and belonging?

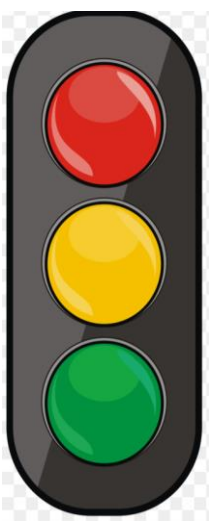
But what is an essay, anyway?

An essay is a written text. It is usually about the personal point of view of the author. An essay can have all sorts of purposes.

For example, it can be very argumentative. It can talk about points for and against the essay question. Essays usually give new points about topics.

This booklet will break it right down to help you get it done.

The booklet will be structured with a traffic light system:



Red light – have a go if you're looking for a challenge!

Yellow light – most people from stage 4 have a

Green light – everyone from stage 4 have a go.

But first, let's warm up our brains.

Boggle:

If you have forgotten the rules, you will get some mixed up letters, and you've got to make as many words out of these letters as you can.

Set a 5-minute timer, and see how many you can get!

Your letters are:

B	C	N
A	K	L
E	D	O

Assessment Part 1 - Planning:

To start, make sure you have read the whole story. It is attached with this booklet – so go ahead and read from where you are up to.



Below, answer the following general questions about the story.

1. Who bullies Luke?

2. How do they bully him?

3. Why is Luke worried about the football game?

4. Who are Luke's friends?

5. How do Luke's friends help him?

6. Where does Luke belong?

7. How do you know he belongs there?

Now, we are going to look at themes.

What are themes?

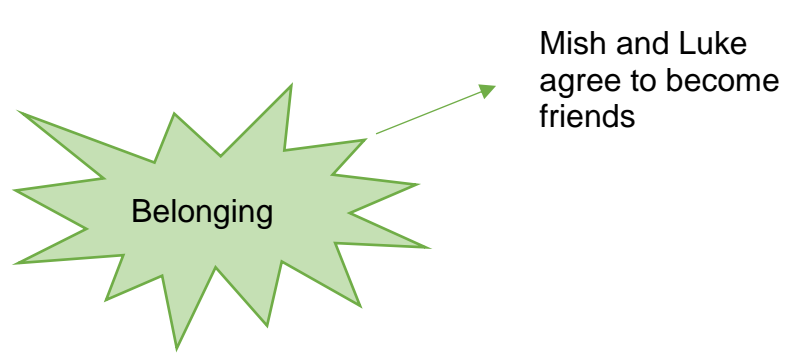
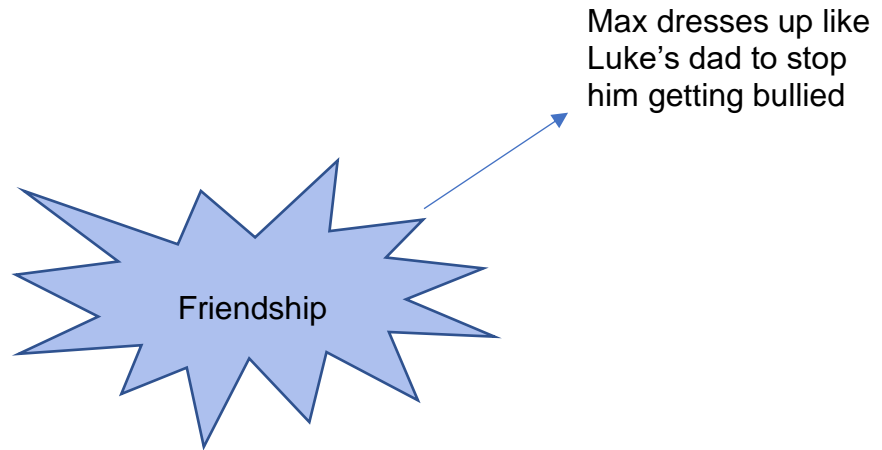
A theme is a big idea within a story.

This assignment wants you to look at two: friendship, and belonging.

What does the word friendship mean to you?

What does it mean to belong?

On the next page are both of these key themes. In a mind map, write down a few parts of the play that shows friendship, and a few that show belonging. The first one has been done for you.



Assessment Part 1: Essay structure (introductions)

An essay normally has an introduction, a few body paragraphs, and a conclusion.

We will start with your introduction.

An introduction should:

- State the name of the text.
- Give a very short description of the text.
- Explain what you are going to say about the question.

For example:

The text we read in class was a play called *Luke Lloyd Alienoid* by John Armstrong. It is about a little boy called Luke who struggles with bullying and not knowing his dad, but eventually he makes great friends. This essay will explain how friendship can help us get through hard situations, and how we will always find somewhere we belong.

Now, it's your turn.

Fill in the table below to help you write your introduction.



Sentence 1:
Write a **full sentence** that gives the name of the play and the author.

You might start with:

- The book we studied _____
- In class, we read _____
- The play called _____ by _____ shows _____



Sentence 2:
What is the book about?

You might start with:

- This is a story about _____
- This book follows Luke as he _____
- Luke is a small boy who _____



Sentence 3: How does it show friendship and belonging?

You might start with:

- This story shows friendship when _____ and belonging when _____
- Friendship is important to Luke because _____, so is belonging because....

Congratulations – your introduction is done! 😊

Brain Break - Find-a-word:

Luke Lloyd Alienoid

U A M C R N E I M U N G N U P
G W G Y H Y Q C O N N O R Z I
J S O M R C G P J F V J C V B
A M J G B G L D D T A E X M X
K T A M M I B H V S Y L F E K
E L L H R C Q G A Z M Y P B G
C E O I W P G F S X L K B N N
M O O A A D Z K T W U E G X B
I L A M T O G N R E K V Y O F
Z S G R T U W Q O G E I I B I
M J J D W F X X Z L Y N H M J
X C U O J I W O D O O C I I A
N D C V A M R P Y B R S E S R
B E S L K A O L W G F N L H E
K L O L A X F O X K U N I H D

Connor

Mr Watt

Kevin

Jared

Astro

Mish

Lola

Luke

Jake

Max

Assessment Part 1: Essay structure (paragraphs)

The next step after your introduction is a paragraph.

Each paragraph should go into more detail about one of the themes, **friendship** or **belonging**. You should aim for at least **4 sentences** in each paragraph.

This one will go through friendship.

At MCS, we structure our paragraphs using PEEL. This shows us what to write in each sentence. A diagram below explains what each letter means, and gives you some examples to start off.

PEEL - STRUCTURE <i>paragraph writing</i>	
How to structure your paragraph:	Sentence starters:
POINT Make a point about the topic. State the main idea.	First of all... There are many reasons why... [TOPIC] means... To begin with... Evidence suggests... It is obvious that... Have you ever thought about...
EXAMPLE Support your point with examples, quotes or evidence.	For example... Research shows... This is supported by... From my own experiences... This is demonstrated as... Some examples to support this... [QUOTE]... as you can see...
EXPLAIN Elaborate on how your example supports the main idea.	This tells us... It appears that... It's obvious that... With these examples in mind, you can see that... As a result... It is clear that...
LINK Link your final point back to the main idea.	In conclusion... It is evident that... Evidently... [Restate the main point] This demonstrates... Therefore, it can be said... [Insert rhetorical question]

An example of a PEEL paragraph about friendship in Luke Lloyd Alienoid is included below. It is colour-coded using PEEL, and uses sentence starters in the graphic above.

To begin with, the play Luke Lloyd Alienoid explains how important friends can be when we are going through hard times. For example, when Luke is being bullied, his friends Mish and Astro come to the rescue to help him. A quote that shows this is when Mish says to Luke: “Luke, are you alright,” and Luke replies “I think so. Thanks. For the Sabre Wolf stuff, I mean.” This tells us that Luke appreciates Mish’s friendship, and he is thankful for how she rescued him from Connor, Jake and Jared. In conclusion, the play Luke Lloyd Alienoid shows us that friends can help us in tough situations.

On the next page is table to help you with your first paragraph. Look back to the PEEL graphic to find ways to start each sentence.

	<p>Sentence 1: POINT</p> <p>What is your paragraph about? <i>How is friendship shown in Luke Lloyd Alienoid?</i> <i>How does it help Luke?</i></p>	
	<p>Sentence 2: EVIDENCE</p> <p><i>Which part of the book shows friendship?</i></p>	
	<p>What is a quote from the book that shows it? <i>For this, write it down exactly as it is written in the book.</i></p>	
	<p>Sentence 3: EXPLAIN</p> <p>Give more information about your point. <i>What does the evidence you have chosen show about friendship?</i></p>	
	<p>Sentence 4: LINK</p> <p>Sum up your point. Explain what your point about friendship is again, in different words.</p>	

Congratulations – your first paragraph is done 😊

We will pause here for this week.

Next week, you will be working on your second paragraph, and a conclusion.

Don't forget, if you need any help, contact your teacher. Our emails are below:

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