



The Genie: Writing Challenge



Task: You rub the lamp and out comes a genie. Write the conversation you have with the genie.

Punctuation Conventions of Dialogue:

- Start a new line whenever a character starts a new speech.
- Begin what is spoken with a capital letter.
- Use indicator verbs to show who is speaking.
- Use commas to separate the direct speech from the indicator verbs.
- Direct speech punctuation always goes inside the inverted commas.
- It doesn't matter whether you use single or double inverted commas, but be consistent!

Sentence Challenge

Use a variety of indicator verbs – avoid “said”!

For example:

Shouted

Screamed

Muttered

Mused

Vocabulary Challenge

Ancient

Desperate

Interrupted

Weekly Writing Challenge

Ingredients to include:

- Vocabulary challenge.
- Use a variety of indicator verbs – avoid “said”!
- Write the conversation you have with the genie.
- Non-negotiables.

Peer Assessment:

It's not your 'job' to correct your peer's work.

1. Highlight and label the ingredients that have been used in the sentence challenge.
2. Circle any vocabulary words used.
3. Give a positive comment about content and structure.
4. Give a specific target for improvement e.g. use more description; use the senses.
5. Check the non-negotiables.

Weekly Writing Challenge Self – Assessment.

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- Vocabulary challenge.
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- Write the conversation you have with the genie.
- Non-negotiables.

Self – assessment:

1. Improve the area your peer reader has suggested.
2. Correct any spelling errors.
3. Write a sentence or two about how you found the task.
4. Correct non-negotiables.