

Reading response activities

Here are the choice of activities for reading response. Tick them off in the grid as you complete them and write the date you were working on them.

<p><u>Finding adjectives</u> Look through the book you are reading and write down any interesting adjectives or phrases you find in there. Remember you can always use these in your writing in the future!</p>	<p><u>Using verbs</u> Copy a passage from your reading book BUT leave gaps where the verbs are. Swap your extract with your friend. Fill in the gaps with the best verbs you can think of to describe the actions or feelings of the characters. Swap back and compare with the originals in the books. Discuss your choices with your friend and whether they are better or not and why.</p>
<p><u>Newspaper report</u> Write a newspaper report about an event or character from the story. Don't forget to include the 5 W's.</p>	<p><u>Oh, no! Not that word again!</u> Words are like paint! Some words make the picture in the reader's head grey and rather dull. But choose really great words, and the pictures in your head come to life and you can really imagine what is happening. There are some words in the table below that writers use over and over and OVER again. When you are reading, look out for words, or phrases, that the author has used instead. Don't forget to use them in your own writing! (See worksheet for this activity.)</p>
<p><u>Settings</u> Choose a scene from your book that describes a setting. Draw a picture of how you imagine it to be. Label your picture with the words and phrases the author has used to describe the setting.</p>	<p><u>Wanted poster</u> Is one of your characters bad or trying to hide? Think of a reason why your character would be 'Wanted' and design a wanted poster for them. Don't forget to put a reward on there!</p>
<p><u>And they lived happily ever after – or did they?</u> Think about the resolution and ending of the last book that you read or a well-known story. Write briefly what happened in the end. Think about a completely different resolution and ending and write this down.</p>	<p><u>Blurb</u> Does your book have a 'blurb?' Could you write a better one? Have a go at writing a blurb for the story you are reading. Remember not to make it too long!</p>

