

# Y6 Example Text Story Writing: Traditional

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Some years later, the wicked queen stood again before her mirror: "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?"

"Although," it smirked, "You've quite nice hair, only for Snow White do we care!" Once again, the queen was livid: how could she get rid of the wretched girl for good? Down in the dungeons, she transformed herself into an old pedlar (for she was really a witch), gathered a basket of tempting goods and set out vengefully to find and kill Snow White.

It didn't take long to track her down - the young woman was busy planting vegetables outside the cottage. She welcomed the chance for company and chatted to the old woman as she worked. The queen plucked a crisp, juicy-looking apple from her basket and offered it to Snow White, who bit into it with relish. However, the moment the fruit touched her lips, her face went deathly white and she slumped to the ground. The apple was poisoned! Laughing vindictively, the queen stalked back to the castle. Satisfied that Snow White was gone forever, she imperiously demanded of the magic mirror, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, NOW who is the fairest of them all?"

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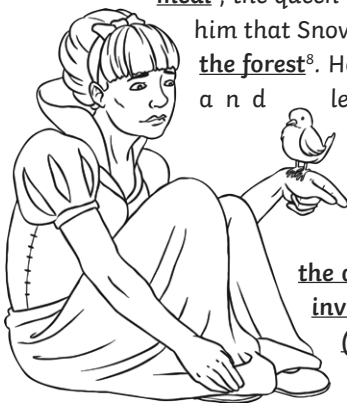
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Once upon a time<sup>3&10, 14</sup> in a tiny kingdom perched high up in the mountains<sup>11, 14</sup> a king and queen lamented that, although they had been married<sup>4</sup> for many years, still<sup>10</sup> they could not<sup>5</sup> conceive a child.

Sewing in her chamber<sup>9</sup> one snowy day, the queen listened to the voices of the village children playing in the street below<sup>9</sup> and began to cry at the sadness of her childless state. Her eyes grew misty with tears;<sup>15</sup> she forgot what she was doing...<sup>3</sup> ouch! She had accidentally<sup>10</sup> pricked her finger with the ebony needle;<sup>15</sup> bright, red blood<sup>11</sup> oozed out and a single drop fell onto the<sup>9</sup> snow-white<sup>16</sup> fabric on her lap.<sup>9</sup> The queen gazed at it and burst out passionately<sup>10</sup>, "Oh saints, spirits and gods, please give me a child! I long for a child that is white as snow, red as blood and black as ebony." And perhaps<sup>10</sup> her prayers were answered<sup>4</sup> because almost at once<sup>10</sup> she found she was pregnant.

The kingdom was full of joy when the little girl<sup>8</sup> was born<sup>4, 15</sup> black of hair, white of skin and red of lip. She became known as Snow White and everyone<sup>3</sup> agreed she was the most beautiful child ever born<sup>11</sup>. The king and queen were ecstatic but their happiness was short-lived for the queen developed a terrible fever and very soon<sup>10</sup> died.

The king grieved for his beloved wife but,<sup>14</sup> as Snow White grew<sup>3, 14</sup> he realised she needed a mother and decided he should<sup>5</sup> marry again<sup>10</sup>. Unfortunately<sup>10</sup>, he chose a vain, malicious woman<sup>11</sup>, who despised the little princess and wanted all attention for herself<sup>8</sup>. Snow White's<sup>13</sup> stepmother had a magical mirror<sup>11, 15</sup> every morning<sup>10</sup> she would<sup>5</sup> look into it<sup>9</sup> and demand, "Mirror, mirror on the wall,<sup>9</sup> who is the fairest of them all<sup>8, 9</sup>?" The mirror always<sup>10</sup> replied, "Oh queen, we all must<sup>5</sup> understand -<sup>15</sup> you are the fairest in the land<sup>9</sup>." Until<sup>10</sup> the day of Snow White's tenth birthday<sup>11</sup>, when it smugly informed her<sup>8</sup>, "Alas, no longer are you fairest, it's now Snow White -<sup>15</sup> the lovely heiress." The spiteful queen<sup>11</sup> flew into a dreadful rage at this news<sup>9, 15</sup> she couldn't<sup>5</sup> bear the idea that another was more beautiful than herself<sup>8</sup>. Resolving immediately<sup>10</sup> to dispose of Snow White, she summoned one of the royal huntsmen and commanded him to take the child into the forest<sup>9</sup> and kill her.

"When you have done it, bring me her heart so I'll know she's dead!"

Luckily<sup>10</sup>, the huntsman was too kind-hearted<sup>16</sup> to carry out the order. When<sup>10</sup> they got to the heart of the forest<sup>9</sup>, he found he couldn't<sup>5</sup> kill Snow White. Instead<sup>10</sup>, he told her to run away and never<sup>10</sup> come near the kingdom again<sup>10</sup>. Worried that the queen would<sup>5</sup> be angry, he killed a wild boar and took its heart as proof in place of Snow<sup>9</sup> White's<sup>13</sup>. The queen was delighted at this evidence and immediately<sup>17</sup> called the castle cook to roast the flesh for her dinner<sup>9</sup>. Who can<sup>5</sup> imagine such a person? After finishing her meal<sup>3</sup>, the queen put on a tragic face<sup>11</sup> and went to find the king -<sup>15</sup> she told him that Snow White had been killed<sup>4</sup> by wild animals when playing in the forest<sup>8</sup>. He was so distraught that he shut himself up in his rooms<sup>9</sup> a n d left word that the queen was to rule in his place<sup>9</sup>.



Meanwhile<sup>3&10</sup>, terrified Snow White<sup>11</sup> fled away through the trees<sup>9</sup> until she came -<sup>14</sup> quite by chance -<sup>14</sup> upon a tiny house<sup>9</sup>. Politely<sup>10</sup>, she knocked at the door<sup>9</sup> but there was no answer. Smoke was curling up invitingly<sup>10</sup> from the chimney pot<sup>9</sup> and poor Snow White (<sup>14</sup>by now chilled to the bone<sup>9</sup>)<sup>14</sup> thought that perhaps<sup>10</sup> she might<sup>5</sup> sneak in and warm herself for a while<sup>9</sup>. On entering<sup>3</sup>, she found seven little armchairs<sup>11</sup> clustered

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## Y6 Example Text Story Writing: Traditional Annotated Grammar Punctuation and Spelling Features

<sup>1</sup> a full range of grammar, punctuation and spelling from previous years' teaching is evident throughout the text

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<sup>3</sup> a range of linking words/phrases, including adverbials, to join sentences and paragraphs together (e.g. first, then, after, while, significantly, likewise, for instance) as well as repetition and ellipsis

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round the embers<sup>9</sup> of the fire, while<sup>3</sup> along the wall<sup>9</sup> were seven miniature beds<sup>11</sup>. Who on earth could<sup>5</sup> they belong to? However<sup>10</sup>, she was too<sup>10</sup> cold and tired to investigate any further so she lay down on one of the beds<sup>9</sup> and was soon in a deep sleep<sup>9</sup>.

What a surprise!<sup>7</sup> She was wakened<sup>4</sup> by whispered arguing<sup>9</sup> close by<sup>9</sup> and opened her eyes to find herself surrounded by seven little bearded fellows<sup>11</sup> -<sup>14</sup> apparently<sup>17</sup> the owners of the house<sup>9</sup> -<sup>15</sup> who were furious to find her there<sup>8</sup>. Snow White was full of apologies and begged them not to throw her out into the cold<sup>9</sup>. After<sup>9</sup> much discussion, the seven dwarfs decided that she could<sup>5</sup> stay in their home<sup>9</sup>, so long as<sup>3</sup> she would<sup>5</sup> be their housekeeper while they were out at work each day:<sup>15</sup> the poor girl was only too happy to agree. And so it was -<sup>15</sup> every morning<sup>3</sup> Snow White slaved away in the dwarfs<sup>13</sup>' house, cooking and cleaning, while they went off to toil deep in the mines.

Some years later<sup>3</sup>, the wicked queen stood again<sup>10</sup> before her mirror<sup>9</sup>:<sup>15</sup> "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?"

"Although," it smirked, "You've quite nice hair, only for Snow White<sup>9</sup> do we care!" Once again<sup>3</sup>, the queen was livid: how could<sup>5</sup> she get rid of the wretched girl for good? Down in the dungeons<sup>9</sup>, she transformed herself into an old pedlar<sup>9</sup> (<sup>14</sup>for she was really a witch)<sup>14</sup>, gathered a basket of tempting goods<sup>11</sup> and set out vengefully<sup>10</sup> to find and kill Snow White.

It didn't take long to track her down -<sup>15</sup> the young woman was busy planting vegetables outside the cottage<sup>9</sup>. She welcomed the chance for company<sup>9</sup> and chatted to the old woman as she worked. The queen plucked a crisp, juicy-looking apple<sup>11</sup> from her basket<sup>9</sup> and offered it to Snow White, who bit into it with relish<sup>8</sup>. However<sup>10</sup>, the moment the fruit touched her lips<sup>3</sup>, her face went deathly<sup>10</sup> white and she slumped to the ground<sup>9</sup>. The apple was poisoned!<sup>7</sup> Laughing vindictively<sup>10</sup>, the queen stalked back to the castle<sup>9</sup>. Satisfied that Snow White was gone forever<sup>10</sup>, she imperiously<sup>10</sup> demanded of the magic mirror<sup>9</sup>, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, NOW who is the fairest of them all?" The mirror replied, "Yes, oh queen, now<sup>10</sup> Snow White's dead, our praises go to you<sup>9</sup> instead." As the triumphant witch<sup>11</sup> swept away, the mirror shattered into a thousand pieces<sup>9</sup>.

When the dwarfs returned from their<sup>3</sup> day's work<sup>13</sup>, they were heartbroken to find Snow White dead -<sup>15</sup> they were really<sup>10</sup> very<sup>10</sup> fond of her. Rather than<sup>10</sup> burying her in the cemetery<sup>17</sup>, they constructed a glass coffin and placed her body inside. Then<sup>3</sup> they made a clearing in the forest<sup>9</sup> and set the coffin on a plinth surrounded by flowers<sup>9</sup>, where each day one of the dwarfs stood as<sup>8</sup> a mournful guard<sup>11</sup>. Travellers passing through the forest<sup>9</sup> were amazed to see that Snow White's<sup>13</sup> body didn't decay:<sup>15</sup> her white skin, red lips and ebony-black<sup>16</sup> hair remained exactly as they had always been.

The huntsman's<sup>13</sup> son chanced upon the clearing one day and fell in love<sup>9</sup> at once<sup>10</sup> with the tragic beauty of the dead girl<sup>9</sup>. Over several months<sup>3</sup>, he returned time and again until finally<sup>10</sup> he could<sup>5</sup> no longer resist:<sup>15</sup> he eased back the lid of the coffin<sup>9</sup> and leaned over, meaning to kiss the red lips. Unfortunately<sup>10</sup>, it was so heavy that he dropped it<sup>8</sup> and the crash rocked the whole glass case<sup>11</sup>. Snow White coughed violently<sup>10</sup> and opened her eyes. She was alive!<sup>7</sup> It seemed the poisonous apple had lodged in her throat<sup>9</sup> and,<sup>14</sup> as long as it stayed there,<sup>14</sup> she remained unconscious<sup>17</sup>.

Together with the overjoyed dwarfs<sup>10</sup>, she and the young man went to her<sup>9</sup> father's castle<sup>13</sup> to confront the queen. When he heard what had really<sup>10</sup> happened to his much-loved daughter<sup>11</sup>, the king was enraged. At the party<sup>9</sup> to celebrate Snow White's<sup>13</sup> return he presented the queen with a pair of red-hot iron shoes<sup>16</sup> and commanded her to dance all night as a punishment<sup>9</sup>! The wicked woman could<sup>5</sup> not bear the humiliation or pain and so she threw herself from the highest tower<sup>9</sup> and came to a very unfortunate end!<sup>11</sup>

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