

**Writing practice
action plan**

Date

Focus students

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Monday

Notes

Focus skills

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

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Future directions/week in review

Wonderings

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What do you wonder about just before
you fall off to sleep?

Some people say space goes on forever
but it can't.

Can it?

Do jellyfish have feelings?

Can dogs really smell fear?

Do you ever wonder what you are doing here?

On earth?

All these questions swim inside my head
coming up for air
every now and then.

What do you wonder about just before
you fall off to sleep?

Random words

baby

tears

unexpected

tomato sauce

lunchbox

excited

forgotten

lost

lists

waiting

stuck

frost

frustrated

angry

silence

imagine

hungry

danger

shadow

splash

happiness

bubblegum

bandaid

famous

explosive

dinner

bubbles

mud

rip

water

Character names

1. Twinkle Toes
2. Ginger Snaps
3. Vantablack
4. Peppermint May
5. Sky
6. Silver Shine
7. Tucker
8. Serenity
9. Plum Dandy
10. Pigeon Gray

Vowels grid

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colour or adjective

object

description of the object in the **setting**

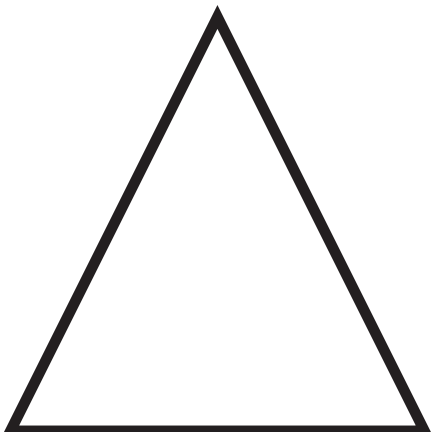
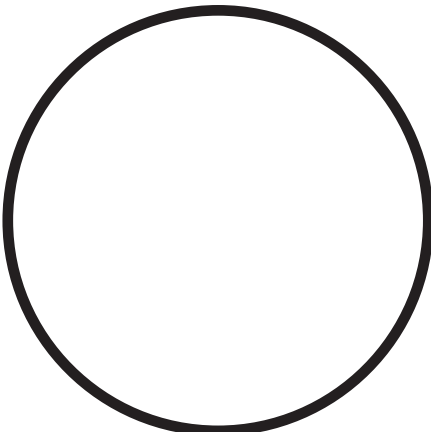
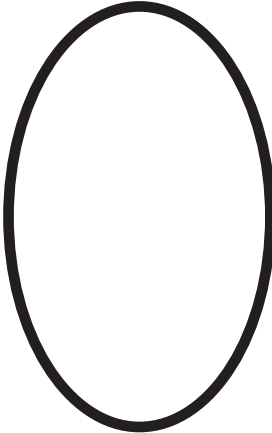
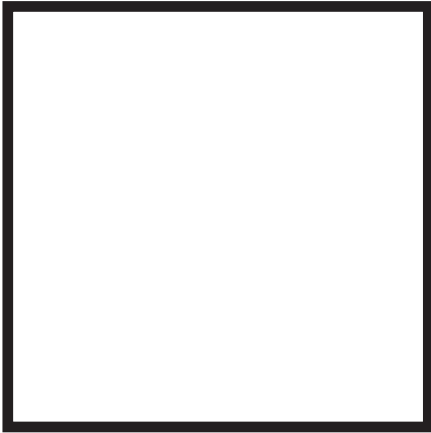
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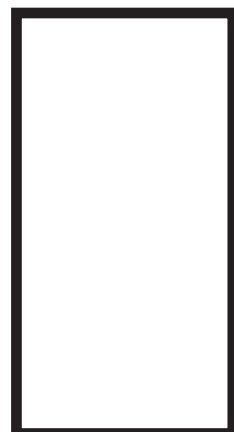
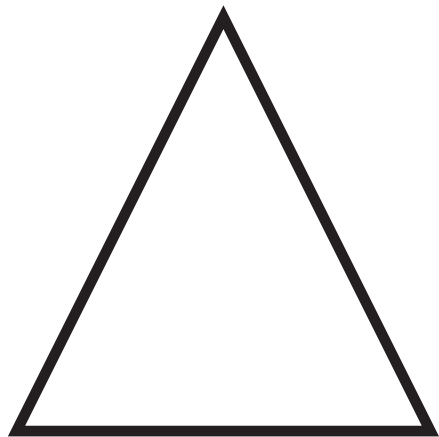
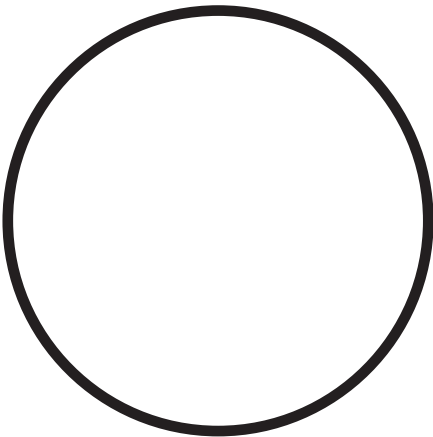
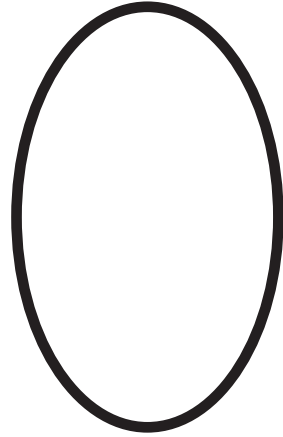
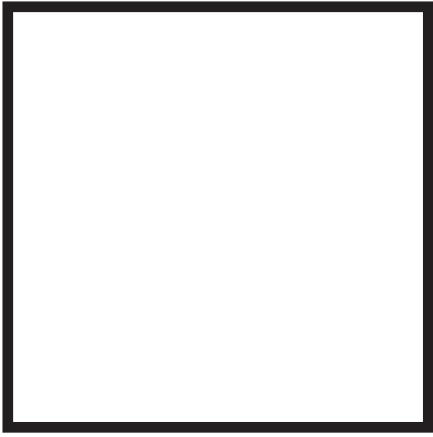
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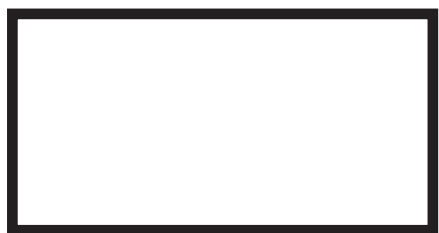
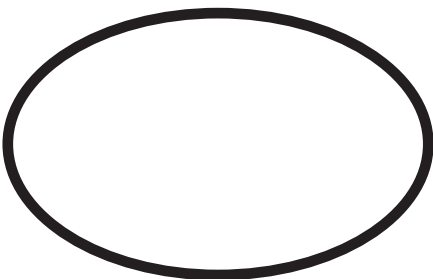
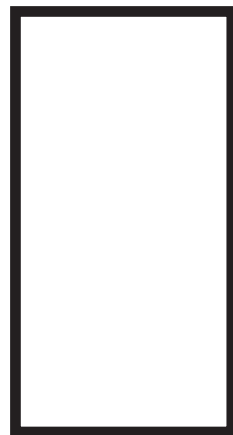
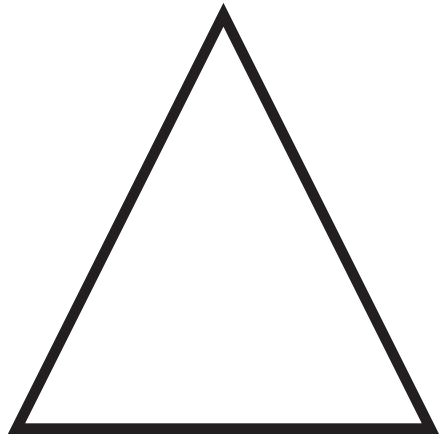
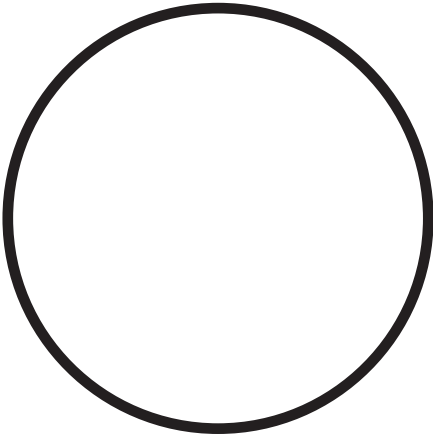
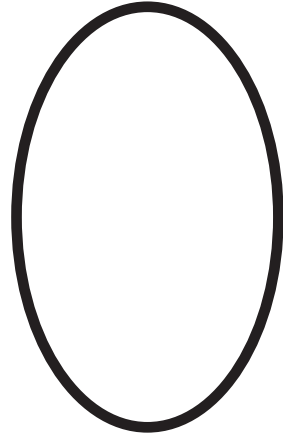
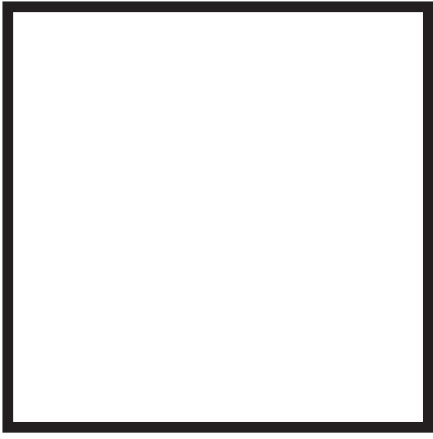
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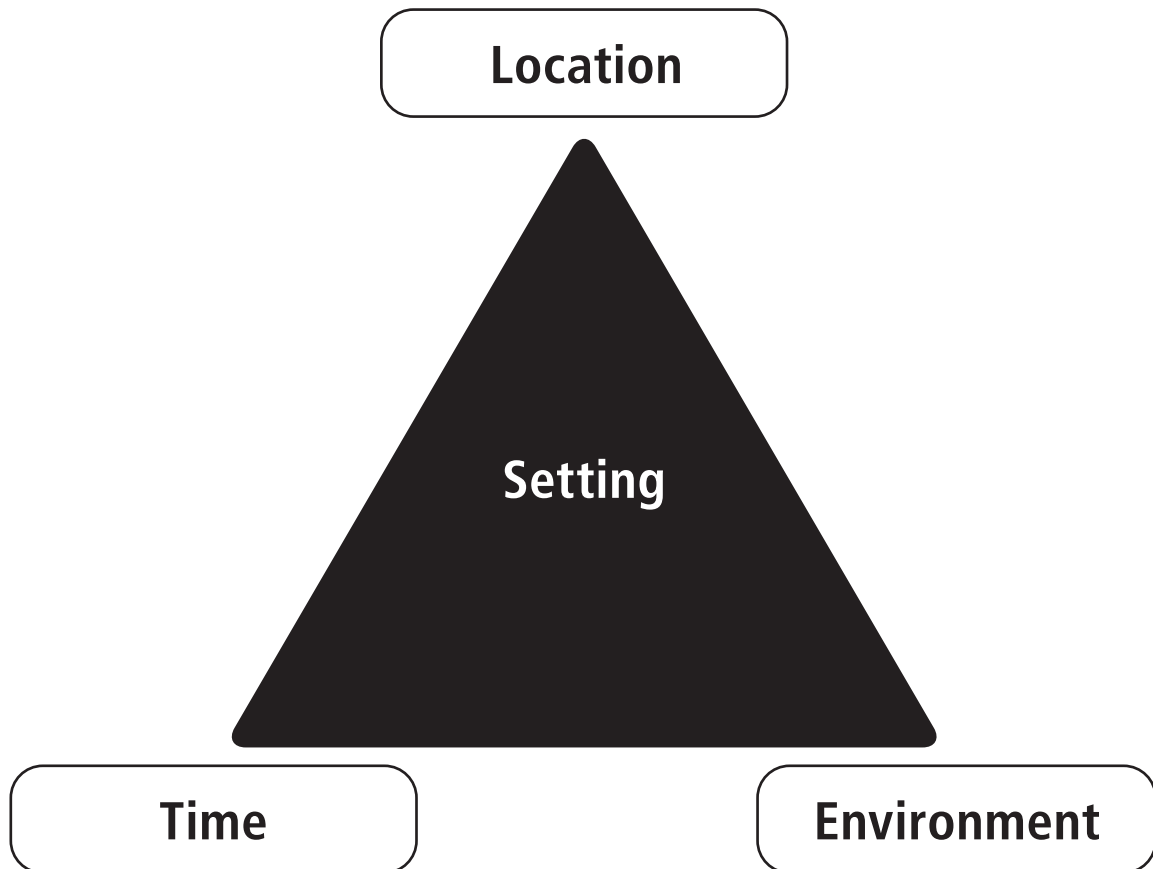
Shape a story







The three elements of setting



Self-talk and the creative process

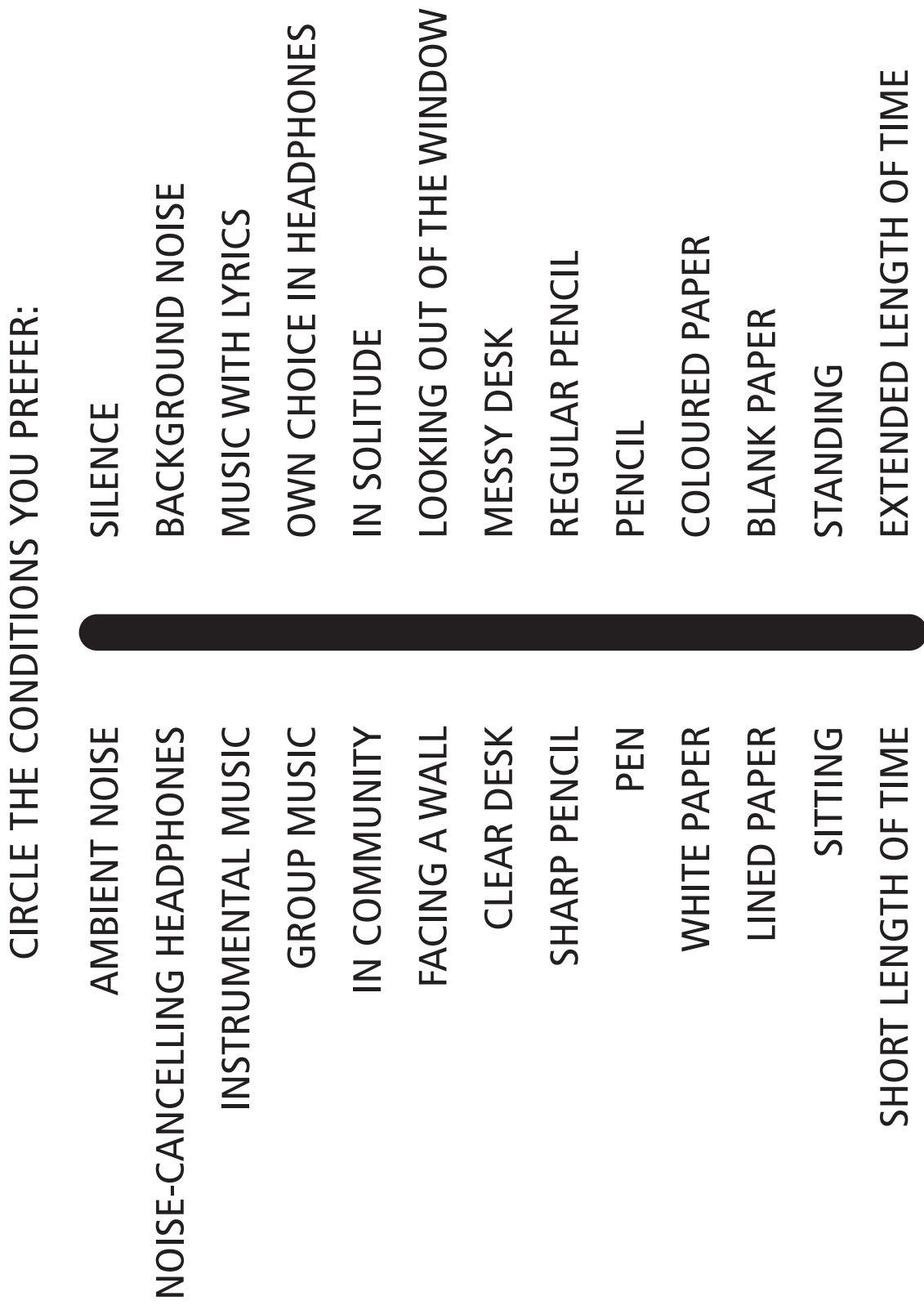


Binary opposites on continuums

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PRIVATE	<input type="text"/>	PUBLIC
WITH OTHERS	<input type="text"/>	ALONE
MESSY	<input type="text"/>	ORGANISED & TIDY
FULL OF OBJECTS & COLOUR	<input type="text"/>	CLEAR & EMPTY
MUSIC	<input type="text"/>	NO MUSIC
OPEN	<input type="text"/>	SMALL & COSY

Figure 11: Binary opposites



'Planner, pantser or ponderer' descriptions

Planner

If you are a planner you like to know exactly where you're going with a piece of writing before you begin. You especially want to know how your story will end. You breathe a sigh of relief when your teacher hands you a planning document. You like nothing better than filling it in, and then off you go. You also like to follow your plan to the letter. Sometimes new ideas bubble up as you're writing, but you don't let them float into your story. You follow your plan.

Pantser

A pantser finds planning tight and restrictive. A pantser dives right in and start writing. The word *pantser* comes from the saying 'to fly by the seat of your pants'. This saying dates to when pilots flew planes without navigational tools and complex computer systems. The pilot used their knowledge, experience and intuition to make judgements and decisions regarding the flight as it progressed. So, if you're a pantser, you rely on your intuition and write as you go, rather than being limited by a predetermined plan.

Ponderer

A ponderer likes to think things through before writing their plan. In fact, a ponderer likes to think things through before writing anything at all. By the time they get their ideas down on paper, their story is often clear and detailed. Ponderers make interesting and creative connections between ideas because they have considered many options before picking up a pen. A ponderer might suffer from having too many ideas – or the opposite affliction, too few ideas. The pressure to work fast makes a ponderer feel anxious and hot under the collar. A ponderer might also have a noisy and bossy inner critic; it's hard to stride out into the middle of your story when you have a voice in your ear questioning your every move. Perfectionists will often present as ponderers. They don't want to get ideas down unless they think they are right.