

All about me – writing lesson idea

This could be a four-sentence recount or a longer piece of writing. The template is in the resources section of the writing book website: www.thewritingbook.com/pages/resources





Purpose

Explain that the purpose of this writing activity is to share interesting information about ourselves with our classmates.

Lesson introduction

Motivation and generating ideas

Four possible ideas for this writing could be:

	<i>Your earliest memory e.g. My first day at school</i>
	<i>Something that makes you laugh</i>
	<i>A fun fact about you</i>
	<i>Something you love</i>

Teacher introduces the sentence ideas one by one, sharing their own experiences, and pausing for the students to discuss their ideas in pairs.

Possible criteria

Early writers	Fluent writers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each idea is a new sentence• Wow words• Include a feeling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include interesting details (Refer to Adding Detail Poster PM 23)• Use descriptive vocabulary (wow words)

Teacher modelled/shared writing

Choose one sentence idea and model how to compose a sentence based on the criteria for the lesson.

E.g. I remember rushing excitedly into the pet shop to choose my new tabby kitten. Her wide blue eyes stared at me longingly.

Independent writing

Students write their 'all about me' recounts (see exemplar), using the icons to support their organisation.

Self-check

Read your writing in a quiet voice.

Can you spot 2 mistakes?

Partner-check

I like ...because...

Find 2 interesting details.

Wrap-up

Celebrate the mistakes students have self-corrected during the self-check.

In small groups, students share their favourite sentence.