Did I...? Writing checklist

Read your writing again, slowly, then tick each box you can say yes to. Fix anything you can before you finish.

Persuasive

Ideas

- ☐ Did I say what I think at the start?
- ☐ Did I give at least three reasons?
- ☐ Did I explain each reason with an example?

Making it convincing

- ☐ Did I ask the reader a question?
- ☐ Did I use strong words like *important* or *unfair*?
- ☐ Did I talk to the reader using *you*?
- ☐ Did I say what the other side thinks, then answer it?

Order

- ☐ Did I use a new paragraph for each reason?
- ☐ Did I use joining words like *Firstly* and *Also*?
- ☐ Did I finish by saying what I think again?

Narrative

Ideas

- ☐ Does my story have a problem?
- ☐ Does my story have a real ending that fixes the problem?
- ☐ Did I start in an interesting way?

Making it come alive

- ☐ Did I describe the place so the reader can picture it?
- ☐ Did I show how my character feels?
- ☐ Did I use strong verbs like *crept* or *grabbed*?
- ☐ Did I use speech marks when people talk?

Order

- ☐ Did I use time words like *Suddenly* and *Later*?
- ☐ Did I start a new paragraph for a new part of the story?

For both

- Capital letters at the start of sentences and names
- Full stops and question marks
- Sentences that start in different ways
- Tricky words checked
- Did I read it all out loud in my head?
- One thing I am proud of: _____

What I will work on next time Pick one or two unticked boxes

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