

## **Building Great Sentences**

Writing sentences is quite simple, but writing great sentences every time is more tricky. You need to remember to think through these steps every time you write a new sentence:

1. What do you want to say in simple terms? What does the reader need to know?
2. What different words could you use to improve your sentence?
3. Can you include any adjectives or adverbs to add to the sentence and make it special?
4. Finally, read back your sentence and check it makes sense, with all of the correct spelling and grammar.

This seems like quite a lot to think about just to write one sentence, but the more you do it the easier and faster it will become. Pretty soon you'll be doing all 4 steps without even thinking about it!

### **Practice**

To practice building great sentences you are going to take a very simple sentence, at step 1 above, and go through steps 2, 3 and 4 to improve the sentence and make it great!

Take each of the sentences below and write it out 3 times. The first will be in a simple form, the second adding different, interesting words and the third adding in some adjectives and/or adverbs. The first one has been done for you as an example.

- I ran to the pitch.
- I ran down the tunnel to the football pitch.
- I ran as quickly as I could down the dark, narrow tunnel to the perfectly green football pitch and never looked back.

Now have a go at improving these simple sentences in the same way.

1. The sun was shining.
2. I jumped over the gate.
3. The teacher walked across the room.
4. Lucy went to play the piano.
5. I woke up.

Now think up five of your own sentences in the same way. Start with a simple sentence and build it up using the steps.