

	A student whose understanding of KS3 English skills is still emerging will be able to:	A student who is developing their KS3 English skills will be able to:	A student who is securing their KS3 English skills will be able to:	A student who is mastering their KS3 English skills will be able to:
Comprehension, interpretations and supported textual references DOMINANT SKILL	 Show a basic understanding of the main points of the text and the question (they might not always answer the question directly) Select evidence from the text (though this may not always be relevant or include relevant language/ structural devices to be analysed). Make simple and explicit inferences based upon the main points of the text. 	Show a good understanding of the text, understanding key ideas/ themes presented in relation to the question focus Select relevant evidence from the text, that is linked to the question focus Make clear inferences (although this might repeat or simply paraphrase parts of the text)		 Show a detailed and confident understanding of the text, its overarching message and the key ideas/ themes presented in the question. Confidently select supporting evidence and can embed this as part of my analytical paragraph. Confidently offer layers of inference, exploring the deeper meaning of the text.
Analysis of language and structure	Begin to identify writer's methods (although these might not always be accurate)	Accurately identify writer's methods.	Precisely identify a range of writer's methods (e.g. aggressive verb)	Confidently identify and comment on more subtle methods (word sounds, syntax and semantic fields)
DOMINANT SKILL	Make simple or explicit (surface level) comments on the effect of writer's methods.	Comment on the connotations of writer's methods, however these are not linked to writer's message/ purpose.	Analyse the effect of writer's language/ structural choices in detail – exploring how these choices contribute to the overall meaning of the text.	Offer detailed and confident analysis of writer's methods, clearly breaking down how effects are created and how these link to writer's message/ purpose
Context	Identify key facts/ comments in relation to the context of a text (although these might not always be relevant)	Make relevant comments in relation to the context of a text.	Explain how the context of a text contributes to and shapes its overall meaning	Analyse in detail how a text's context shapes its meaning and how it impacts writer's intentions.
Comparison of writer's ideas/ perspectives	, ,	Explain the differences and similarities between texts.	Explain in detail the similarities and differences between texts.	Analyse in detail the similarities and differences between a text, exploring the reasons for these.
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	the KS3 English skills is still	their KS3 English skills will be	skills will be able to:	will be able to:
WRITING	emerging will be able to:	able to:		
Produce	Begin to change the style of their	Have a clear main style and	Ensure their style is relevant to the audience and	Confidently create texts that are effective in terms of
interesting texts	writing to suit their purpose		the purpose of writing is clear. Students will have	
suited to purpose		Students usually vary the style		competent voice in their writing to suit a range of
and audience	maintain the style that they're	and tone of their writing to	in. They will develop ideas with some detail,	different audiences and purposes.
	writing in. Students will have	suit their purpose and	description or examples to interest the reader.	
	some good ideas but need to add	audience.		
	more detail or explanation to			
	interest the reader			
Structure and	Have ideas which are usually in a	Generally, organise their	Have clearly ordered and logically sequenced	Create writing which is confidently structured into
Organisation	sensible order but sometimes the		ideas in their writing. Students can use clear	appropriate and coherent paragraphs. Students will
	direction of writing is not clear to	and ending. Students will	paragraphs to help organise the content of their	competently use a variety of effective discourse
	the reader. Students can	usually organise their writing	writing. Students can use connectives to link	markers. Students can organise writing with an
	sometimes use clear openings	and their ideas into different	their paragraphs to make the direction of their	effective opening, development and ending
	and/or endings in their writing.	paragraphs. Students usually	ideas and writing clear to the reader.	
	Students can sometimes use	use different connectives to		
	paragraphs to organise my ideas.	organise my ideas (e.g. they		
		don't just use 'and', 'then' or		
Varied sentence	Use simple or compound	'but'). Usually vary sentence		
structure	sentences joined with 'and' or	structures by using different	Vary sentence structures and openings to interest the reader (e.g. subordinate clauses).	Confidently use a variety of sentence structures, clearly considering their intended effect.
structure	'but' and sometimes use complex	openings and lengths for effect		considering their intended enect.
	sentences.	(e.g. adverbs: slowly, the door		
	sentences.	opened).		
Sentence	Sometimes use sentence	Usually use some sentence	Punctate most sentences clearly and are	Punctuate sentences confidently and use a variety of
accuracy	punctuation accurately (capital	punctuation accurately but	beginning to use some simple punctuation for	punctuation for effect.
	letters, full stops, question marks,	may make mistakes	effect (exclamation mark).	F
	exclamation marks).	punctuating complex		
	,	sentences and using commas.		
Vocabulary and	Spell some common words	Usually spell most common	Spell many common words accurately although	Spell the majority of common words accurately,
Spelling	correctly. Students can use mostly			including more complex words. Students will use
	appropriate vocabulary in their	usually use examples of	words. Students can use more adventurous and	ambitious vocabulary competently and will be able to
	writing and make some attempt	vocabulary for effect. Students		craft language consciously for effect. Students can
	to use vocabulary for effect.	will be able to use language	use a range of language devices for effect.	employ a range of well-judged language devices for
	Students will be beginning to use			effect, including more sophisticated devices
	some simplistic language devices.	be beginning to consider the		(juxtaposition, semantic field and extended metaphors)
		effect of these.		

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SPEAKING AND LISTENING	A student whose understanding of the KS3 English skills is still	their KS3 English skills will be	A student who is securing their KS3 English skills will be able to:	A student who is mastering their KS3 English skills will be able to:
LISTEINING		able to:	skins will be able to.	will be able to.
Presentation	emerging will be able to: Attempt to give straightforward ideas/information but not always successfully. Students will need to spend more time reading over work to ensure it is as clear as possible. Students might not always speak clearly, and it might not be easy to follow the order of their ideas.	Can express simple or straightforward ideas clearly to the audience. Student's speech is structured clearly, but perhaps they need to spend more time researching or expanding upon their ideas.	obvious the speech has been researched. Speak clearly and confidently about the chosen topic, projecting their voice and	Engage with highly challenging concepts and ideas in their speech, which are communicated to the audience in a thoughtful manner. It is obvious the speech has been well researched and redrafted. Students will speak with a great deal of confidence, successfully using a range of verbal and non-verbal features.
Listening & responding	Listen to other people's questions but might not be able to answer these directly or any detail.	Listen to people's questions and will answer these directly. Students will respond to these clearly, but responses might not be very detailed.	able to respond in some detail and depth (not just giving one sentence answers)	Listen attentively to people's questions and able to respond to these in a confident and thoughtful manner.
Use of Standard English	Speak in full sentences about my chosen topic; however, vocabulary might be, at times, informal or more basic.	Begin to adapt language for their chosen audience, using more sophisticated	Successfully adapt my language to meet the needs of the audience. In speech they will begin to use a wide range of persuasive features (rhetorical questions, exaggeration)	Confidently adapt their language to suit the needs of their audience, using a range of impressive vocabulary for effect. Students make effective use of linguistic and structural features – carefully considering the effect on the audience.
Speaking in role, creating and maintaining an effective character	Speak in front of an audience but will not give eye contact or look up from notes. Try to stay in role but will break this when focus is lost.	Feel confident in speaking in front of the audience but are perhaps too reliant on notes. Stay largely in role, only occasionally breaking from this.	Feel very confident in speaking in front of the audience and only occasionally use notes for support. Maintain a clear role throughout the duration of the presentation.	Feel extremely confident in speaking in front of an audience and do not use notes for support. Successfully maintain a role throughout my presentation, engaging the audience through this role/ persona/