

What do students say about writing?

"I keep being told to use paragraphs but I don't really know how to use them and it's confusing because different teachers say different things about them." **Year 10 boy**

"I hate writing. I'm rubbish at it. I hate doing lots of writing and then he just says no that's rubbish... like do it again... no way!" **Year 9 girl**

"I hate my handwriting. It used to be good when I was in junior school but I don't know what happened to it." **Year 8 boy**

"Mr... well I can't say who, but Jane would agree with this... Well he always helps you when you don't know how to write something, and he always shows us how to do it... I don't mean do it for us but... like... well he shows us things other students have written and chats about it to us." **Year 11 girl**

"I can't stand essays. I mean, what are they for? Who really needs to do an essay? Just a waste of time. And no one ever really shows you how to write them. I say it all in the first paragraph and then give up. Everyone does that - except the girls." **Year 11 boy**

"I never know what to write and everyone else got their head down scribbling and I'm like staring at my pencil-case. I've got to chat when I'm writing. It makes it less boring and I can get ideas. Uggggggghhhh! When I leave school I'm going to throw 'way all my pens and pencils. Just going to do Facebook and my phone." **Year 9 girl**

"I love writing. I love being able to stay quiet and follow my own ideas. I never know what I'm going to say but I love it. Writing's my best thing in school." **Year 8 boy**

"I love it when some teachers help you organise your ideas. I relax then and calm down. But some teachers go 'do it yourself' and you can't really ask them anything. Sometimes I wonder if they can do it themselves." **Year 10 girl**

Are there any patterns in these students' comments?

Are there any hypotheses you might work up from what they say?

Are there any clear differences between boys' and girls' attitudes?

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Our boys mash the roast beef munching English!

Norman troops were today celebrating a great victory over the English forces led by the treacherous 'King' Harold.

After a grueling twelve-hour battle the heroic Norman troops were finally successful in routing the English army who fled in panic and confusion into the surrounding forests.

Struck

The turning point in the battle came when the English 'King' Harold was struck in the eye with an arrow. Regime-change was guaranteed when two of his brothers were also hacked down by brave Norman troops.

Trap

Earlier Duke William had cleverly broken the English ranks by luring them into a trap. Our brave lads pretended they were retreating in order to get English cavalry to chase them. William then launched a counter-attack and threw all his forces against the gaps in the English defences.

Blood

"After being a target for so long it was great to get blood on our swords as we mashed through the English defences," said commander Biscuit.

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OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF

William conquers 'bastard'
Duke William is determined to throw off his 'bastard' title now that he is King of England. A close friend has revealed that William has always felt unhappy with his nickname and intends to make a new start in England as William the Conqueror.

Harold alive and well and working in Specsavers, customer claims.

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New King William vows to raise standards in Education. French to replace English in curriculum.

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