

Year 7: Unit 3: Memoir: Knowledge Organiser

Memoir Writing		Figurative Language		Punctuation	
1. What is an autobiography?	An account of your life, which is written by you.	1. What is an adjective?	A word that modifies the noun.	1. How do we demarcate sentences?	We use full stops, exclamation marks and question marks to finish our sentences.
2. What is a biography?	An account of someone's life, written by another person.	2. What is a synonym?	A word or expression which means the same as another word or expression. <i>E.g. good - fine.</i>	2. Why do we use commas?	To separate items in a list. <i>E.g. My lunchbox contained a sandwich, apples and a cake.</i>
3. What is a memoir?	A piece of writing focused on a particular memory and written by you.	3. What is an antonym?	A word which is the opposite of a particular word or expression. <i>E.g. good - bad.</i>	3. Why do we use commas?	To mark clauses. <i>E.g. Dodie Smith, who wrote I Capture the Castle, was a famous writer. / Although I enjoy music, I like sport more.</i>
What are the features of memoir writing?		4. What is sensory language?	Language that appeals to the five senses: sight, sound, touch, taste and smell.	4. How do we punctuate speech?	We use speech marks. All other punctuation must go in the speech markers. Every time there is a new speaker, we must start a new line.
4. Chronological order	Memoirs are written in time order	5. What is a simile?	An expression which describes a person or thing as being similar to someone or something else and uses the words 'like' or 'as' to highlight this similarity. <i>E.g. The sun was like a ball of fire.</i>	5. Why do we use a colon?	We use this punctuation mark to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a list of items. <i>E.g. The bookstore specialises in three subjects: art, architecture and graphic design.</i> • Between independent clauses when the second explains or illustrates the first. <i>E.g. I didn't have time to go to the shop: the buss was late.</i> • For emphasis. <i>E.g. The only conclusion I could draw: crazy.</i>
5. Time connectives	Words that show the order in which things happen, such as 'next', 'then'				
6. First person	Written using 'I' or 'we'				
7. Limited dialogue	There is little speech in a memoir.	6. What is a metaphor?	A direct comparison between two unrelated things, saying something is or was something else. <i>E.g. The sun was a golden globe in the sky.</i>	6. Why do we use a semi-colon?	We use this punctuation mark to join two independent clauses. <i>E.g. We can go to the museum to do some research; Mondays are pretty quiet there.</i>
8. Past tense	When writing is recalling something that has already happened.	7. What is personification?	When an inanimate object is given human qualities. <i>E.g. The sun stretched its golden arms and climbed high above the mountain.</i>		