

Writing lesson

Friday 22nd January

9. Use a thesaurus to find synonyms

24. Changing to a more formal tone

You will not choose one paragraph from your diary and re-write in a formal style.

You **SHOULD** use a thesaurus to improve the vocabulary, however you must make sure the context fits.

Original:

The scenery was simply stunning. I'm sure I gaped open-mouthed as we passed tiny villages with steep looking mountains in the background.

Improved:

The scenery was picturesque: a backdrop of meandering rivers, with moss-coloured vines cascading down the sheer mountains left me amazed.

Original: As you know, my boss hired me to be his servant; I arrived at his house to win a silly bet.

Improved: My employer - who goes by the name of Mr Fogg - reassured myself that my position was permanent. I therefore arrived at his spacious residence to triumph an essential wavering of money.