



English Language Out Of Hours Writing Intervention



Factual Writing – Determination



THE HARDER
YOU WORK
FOR SOMETHING,
THE GREATER
YOU'LL FEEL
WHEN YOU
ACHIEVE IT.

**Write an article about a time
you have had to show
determination.**

Write out and add a word which makes this an effective sentence!

- The frost was _____ at my toes.
- I _____ on.
- The _____ was over - _____ was mine!
- Thoughts _____ through my mind; it was _____.
- Overwhelming
- Struggled
- War
- Thundered
- Biting
- Victory

Write out and add a word which makes this an effective sentence!

- The _____ continued – would I be able to _____?
 - Tiredness _____ over me but time _____ on.
 - The _____ was too high; the end seemed _____.
 - Joy _____ through my _____ – I had done it!
- Veins
 - Survive
 - Ran
 - Mountain
 - time
 - Washed
 - Distant
 - Torture

Rewrite and add in punctuation...

- Stay in bed go into school I couldnt decide what to do. The need for my grades had to outweigh the easy solution this would not get me my grade

Add in punctuation

- I wanted to lie down and forget the rest of the world the pain was like a fireball controlling my body how could i finish the competition like this what would everyone say. Giving up was not an option.

Correct the homophones




- They all said it. I was to stubborn too listen. Determination was the name of the game. I needed too listen and let this soak into my body if we were going to survive the next too days.

Take these words and create a sentence with them

- Contemplate
- Torture
- Reflecting
- Anguish
- Distraught
- Agony

Take a word from either side – make a sentence which includes a semi colon.

Tiredness washed over me; it was so overpowering.

- 1 – fight  ; • 1- battle
- 2 – burden  ; • 2 – controlling
- 3 – destroy  ; • 3 – win

Ideas on the table – what could you write about?

- Write about a time you have had to demonstrate determination. (10 marks)
- Remember
- Don't be too unrealistic
- Stick to what you know
- Bring in a passion you may have





Ideas



- Getting up for a revision session
- Completing training/sporting event with injury
- Completing college application forms
- Babysitting annoying children and needing patience
- Completing a level on a computer game
- Staying up to complete a piece of homework/coursework

Plan

- Intro – emotions you felt – reveal time
- Para 1 – build up to time
- Para 2 – the time itself
- Para 3 – what you have learned
- Con – a message to pass on

Different introductions

- Determination. Is this something everyone has? It was something I never thought was in me – but it was. Deep down, hidden, concealed from even me. However one experience put my determination to the test – strengthening and developing my whole person.
- There are lots of times when I have felt very determined and worked hard at something. I had to work very hard to get my English grade and I am glad I did.

Intros

- Points on Intro 1

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- Points on Intro 2

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Keeping the focus on the question

- You don't have to hit the examiner around the head (metaphorically or physically) with the focus of the question
 - BUT
- You do have to stay ON TRACK and make sure you are asking the question.
- Look at this example and see how it relates back to the theme.....

- Surviving every English lesson was a challenge. Surrounded by words, phrases and texts which left me lost, confused and dazed. How was I going to survive each lesson – never mind the extremely terrifying examination? Days washed over me without even realising. Finally, my mock exams hit me like a tonne of bricks. This was it. The exams would happen. If I did not show some determination – I would not pass.

- Days then took on a whole new meaning as I resolved not to waste them. Each lesson became a key not a burden. With my new focus, drive and determination, slowly but surely the work began to make sense. It was like a curtain had been open, the rain had cleared and I was starting to see clearly. This exam was not going to conquer me! Hours rolled past in the evenings as my revision guide became my Bible; I was determined to make good use of it. The scream of my alarm clock called me to life on Saturday morning as I dragged myself to extra sessions. My family and friends kept me going: 'We have faith in you! We believe in you! Keep up the hard work!' If it wasn't for the relaxation of a cup of tea and the sweet relief of chocolate biscuits provided when I escaped the prison of my room, I may not have survived. Still, I battled on.

- Finally, Judgement Day. My day of doom. Would my determination, hard work and motivation have paid off. Shaking, shuddering, trembling, I made my way into hell. The exam room. This was it; the late nights, early mornings, all came down to this. With a deep breathe, I opened the first page and unlocked my brain. I was determined to complete this paper. Words, knowledge and ideas began to flow – the facts and words I learnt appeared on the page in front of me. Panic disappeared as I lost myself in the exam paper – giving it my all.
- Determination is not easy. It provides a high level of focus and drive. You may find yourself wanting to give up, scream, run away. My determination helped me pass my English exam- I am now determined to do succeed in any challenge which crosses my path.

End on a 'message' to show what you have learned from this

Over to you!

- You now have 30 mins to complete your own piece.
- Make use of all of the notes you have already made this morning – be determined to make this a good piece!

How did you get on?

- Have you a clear opening and closing?
- Underline where you feel you have linked back to the question successfully.
- Circle any words you are proud of.
- Square any punctuation you are proud of.

- Keep this piece and your notes from today safe – it is all to help you.
- In future, have your English folder to use to keep your revision secure.
- Thank you and well done.