



Top 5 ways to upgrade a personal/ creative essay

5 literary techniques you can use in your own writing:

1. Similes

"I felt like I was frozen."

"The sun shone on me like a blessing."

"It was as perfect as a scene from a story book."

THINK: of three similes of your own to use in a personal/ creative essay.

2. Repetition

Using the same word/phrase two or more times.

Use repetition carefully- I do not mean tell the same part of the story several times.

"It was a cold, cold day."

"The cheap washing powder somehow symbolised the emptiness of the man's life. Wash and fade, he thought. Wash and fade."

THINK: of three examples of repetition to use in a personal/ creative essay.

3. Onomatopoeia

Words that sound like noises are very effective writing.

THINK: of three examples of Onomatopoeia to use in a personal/ creative essay.



4. Don't be boring.

You wouldn't tell your mates a boring story. The examiner doesn't want a dull tale either!

The most boring thing you can do is a blow by blow account.

"First we went outside. And then we went to the shops. Next we got an ice-cream. Then I went in the house. And then the examiner fell asleep because your story was so boring!"

5. Use synonyms

Online is probably quickest to find a synonym for over-used words and phrases. (or in Word use Right Click Synonym/ F9 key)