

Talk for Writing Home-school booklet

The Gadgets Workbook

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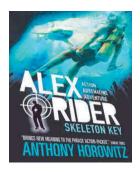


Introduction - Spies

I love films and books about spies! Some of my favourites are Alex Rider, Johnny English, Jane Blond, Spy Kids and, of course, James Bond - 007. Which is yours? One reason I enjoy them is finding out about the incredible gadgets they use on their missions.











- ★ Let's start by having some spy fun!
- ★ Can you crack these spy codes to reveal the hidden messages?

CODE 1

REVOCREDNU KROW SEIPS

YTITNEDI EURT RUOY LAEVER REVEN

TERCES A NIOSSIM EHT PEEK

CODE 2

1) 20-8-5 6-9-18-19-20 1-12-5-24 18-9-4-5-18 2-15-15-11 9-19 19-20-15-18-13-2-18-5-1-13-5-18

2) 10-1-13-5-19 2-15-14-4-19 2-15-19-19 9-19 3-1-12-5-4 13

3) 19-16-9-5-19 1-18-5 20-18-1-9-14-5-4 1-20 7-3-8-17

Hint: to move forwards, sometimes Clue: M = 13 and Y = 23 you need to move backwards.

Note: Answers can be found on the final page of the booklet

*Now find out your own spy name!

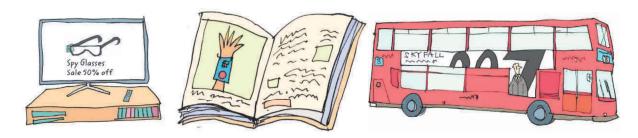
Take the first letter of your first name **AND** then the first letter of your surname:

A: PHOENIX	N: ACE	A: KODAK	N : ESPIONAGE
B:FLASH	O:ROGUE	B: COBRA	O:BOND
C: NEO	P : GUNNER	C : YELLOWFINGER	P:FIRESTAR
D:SPARTAN	Q:HOLT	D: NITRO	Q:ZAPMAN
E: WINCHESTER	R:TRIGGER	E: LIBERTY	R : DANGER
F: ORLANDO	S: KRAVEN	F: BRIDGE	S: KNIGHT
G: CHIP	T:INDIGO	G: QUICKSILVER	T: ARCHER
H: LIGHTNING	U : XAVIER	H: ORANGE	U : HUNTER
I : HAWK	V : BUSTER	I: ULTRA	V: CARTER
J:ZED	W: AGENT	J: 'X'	W: MOONRAKER
K: DIRK	X: MARSHALL	K: WONDER	X:VIPER
L: QUENTON	Y: DEPUTY	L : ROGUE	Y: JONES
M:VIC	Z: ULYSSES	M : STORM	z : INSTINCT

My name (James Walker) becomes: **Zed Moonraker.** What would yours become?

Introduction - Persuasive Writing

In this workbook, we are going to creating a state-of-the-art gadget for a spy, or one for school, or even one to use around your house. We are going to be *persuading* our reader to buy one, a bit like an advert you might get on TV, in a magazine or even on the side of a bus!



Model text for persuasion



Any good unit starts with a cracking model text and here is ours! It is a good example of a persuasive text which we can use as a starting point to write our own advert. Have a read or a listen here: https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/multi/s-UGaRuBfv42i

The Multi-Function Mobile Phone

Are you a spy interested in the latest, state-of-the-art gadgets? If so, you will need the new Multi-Function Mobile Phone. Don't be the only spy left stranded on your next mission unable to contact those back home.

The Multi-Function Mobile Phone is the ideal phone for all spies as it boasts a host of amazing features. Firstly, it has worldwide access so that you can always be in contact with HQ. Additionally, it has a cloaking mode allowing you to make untraceable calls.

This ideal mobile phone has the added bonus of a hidden tranquillizer dart that can be fired through the aerial. It is guaranteed to leave your enemies stunned (though with no serious after effects). A further feature is that the phone is made from titanium steel; it is unbreakable, working both underwater and in outer space!

Perhaps the most essential reason for purchasing this 'must-have' phone is that it can only be used by the owner. Access to the phone is restricted using a Fingerprint Recognition Scanner (or F.R.S. for short). Your secret missions and evidence will be safe using this phone as it is simply impossible to hack into.

Don't just take our word for it! Listen to what James Bond - who is known by his code number 007 - has to say about this must-have phone: "I thought I had every gadget I required until Q invented the magnificent Multi-Function Mobile Phone. Now I wouldn't possibly attempt a mission without it."

If that weren't enough, the Multi-Function Mobile Phone comes complete with a wireless charger and free leather case. Make sure you don't miss out: buy today by visiting www.spygadgetzone.com!

Activity 1: Vocabulary

Re-read The Multi-Function Mobile Phone. The words below are from the model text. I want you to write down a definition and a synonym (a word that means the same or similar). If you are stuck, you could ask someone else in your home, use a dictionary or the internet.

Word	Definition that fits the model text	Synonym
state-of-the-art		
stranded		
boasts		
HQ		
cloaking		
untraceable		
tranquilizer		
guaranteed		
essential		
required		
essential required		

[★] You could magpie some of these words and use them in your own writing later on.

Activity 2: Persuasive games



We will need to be really persuasive in our writing. Let's warm up by playing a couple of persuasive games

★ Crazy Persuasions

You could do this in a pair taking it in turns, on your own or even try to write the little persuasions down.

Take one minute to try to persuade ...

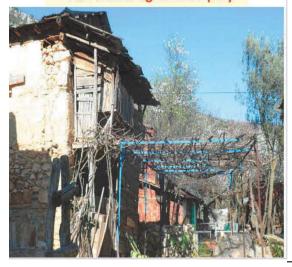
- √ A cat to make friends with a dog
- √ A parent to let you stay out late
- √ A teacher to cancel all homework
- √ A prince/princess to marry you
- √ The England manager to pick you for the team
- √ A wicked witch to change her ways

★ Estate Agent Role Play

Take the role of an estate agent whose job it is to try and sell houses. You have a difficult challenge here to sell the run-down property in the picture.

- Write your own persuasive paragraph
- Use the writing frame and add in pushy, persuasive language
- Design the poster that would be stuck in the estate agent's window

The estate agent role play



For sale!	A opportunity to buy			
this	house. This	building is		
perfect for people who like It is				
pla	ced for the	_ and railway.		
The	garden and	car parking		
is a	bonus. It come	es complete		
with a	that money	just cannot		
buy. The	adds that	: factor.		
The	_price means tl	hat it won't last		

###Answers to the CODES!

CODE1	CODE 2
1. SPIES WORK UNDERCOVER	1. The first Alex Rider is
Stormbreaker	
2. NEVER REVEAL YOUR TRUE IDENTITY	2. James Bond's boss is
called M	
3. KEEP THE MISSION A SECRET	3. Spies are trained at GCHQ

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