Senior Young Writers Competition

Writing Tips



Here are some writing tips from bestselling and award-winning children's authors!

Write YOUR story

"Write what excites you and it will come across on the page."

Kevin & Katie Tsang advise writers to think about what you love and use that as the inspiration - your favourite stories, your hobbies, your friends and family — anything you feel passionate about.



Don't be scared of a messy first draft

Tolá Okogwu says not to worry about getting the perfect story first time.

"First drafts are supposed to be messy! No one is going to see it but you – just get all your ideas on the page. You can edit and find the perfect words later."



Just start writing!

Children's Laureate **Frank Cottrell-Boyce** says, "Don't worry about having a perfect idea before begin - just start writing and ideas will come!"

Even if you don't have the perfect idea, just writing will help to get your imagination going.



