

English Activities

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/activities/>

There are lots of creative writing resources on here to get imaginations flowing! Students can write their own stories, create their own characters and draw their own characters.

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses-catch-up/>

Here are some recordings of short stories being read by David Walliams.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0074gmy/doctor-who-series-3-2-the-shakespeare-code>

Watch the episode of Dr Who where the Doctor meets Shakespeare and has to stop the three witches taking over the world with dark magic.

<http://www.pobble365.com/>

Here are some writing prompts that change daily including a story starter, sentence challenge and a drawing task relevant to your work.

<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/discover/about-us/virtual-tour/>

Explore the Globe theatre and watch performances from a wide range of Shakespeare plays including the famous 'Friends, Romans, Countrymen- Lend me your ears' speech from Julius Caesar

<https://poetrysociety.org.uk/competitions/foyle-young-poets-of-the-year-award/>

This is a poetry competition for 11-17 year olds. It is open until July 2020 so you can enter if you want to. The website is really easy to use. It tells you the rules, how to enter, tips on how to write poems etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WTPA4ISJ1k>

This is Michael Rosen (the children's laureate) interviewing Malorie Blackman (who wrote Noughts and Crosses). It's about 20 mins long. She talks about what it's like to be a writer and some of her books.

<https://www.literacysshed.com/>

Literacy Shed – a website filled with interesting and inspiring (mostly animated) videos to prompt creative writing and other tasks. Each video is accompanied by suggested activities. Ideally for ages 11-14.

<https://ed.ted.com/lessons?category=literature-language>

Ted Ed (Literature and Language section) – Filled with brilliantly animated educational videos that explore a variety of weird and wonderful topics around the theme of language and literature but linking to a variety of other subjects as well. Ideally for ages 12-16.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/blog/4-fun-ways-to-develop-characters-for-a-short-story/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/blog/4-top-tips-for-writing-great-plots/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/blog/how-to-find-the-perfect-words-for-your-story/>

These are great tips for writing a really good short story. Just scroll down the page and there are 4 different headings with tips. There are some activities and worksheet too.

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/>

The National Theatre are offering free screenings on Thursday evenings via YouTube. Jane Eyre on 9th April might not appeal to some but they are showing Treasure Island on 16th April, which should be fun.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/arts>

The BBC have launched the Culture in Quarantine festival to provide access to arts and culture in your home.