

# What do students say about writing?

"I keep being told to use paragraphs but I don't really know how to use them and it's confusing because different teachers say different things about them." **Year 10 boy**

"I hate writing. I'm rubbish at it. I hate doing lots of writing and then he just says no that's rubbish... like do it again... no way!" **Year 9 girl**

"I hate my handwriting. It used to be good when I was in junior school but I don't know what happened to it." **Year 8 boy**

"Mr... well I can't say who, but Jane would agree with this... Well he always helps you when you don't know how to write something, and he always shows us how to do it... I don't mean do it for us but... like... well he shows us things other students have written and chats about it to us." **Year 11 girl**

"I can't stand essays. I mean, what are they for? Who really needs to do an essay? Just a waste of time. And no one ever really shows you how to write them. I say it all in the first paragraph and then give up. Everyone does that - except the girls." **Year 11 boy**

"I never know what to write and everyone else got their head down scribbling and I'm like staring at my pencil-case. I've got to chat when I'm writing. It makes it less boring and I can get ideas. Uggggggghhhh! When I leave school I'm going to throw 'way all my pens and pencils. Just going to do Facebook and my phone." **Year 9 girl**

"I love writing. I love being able to stay quiet and follow my own ideas. I never know what I'm going to say but I love it. Writing's my best thing in school." **Year 8 boy**

"I love it when some teachers help you organise your ideas. I relax then and calm down. But some teachers go 'do it yourself' and you can't really ask them anything. Sometimes I wonder if they can do it themselves." **Year 10 girl**

**Are there any patterns in these students' comments?**

**Are there any hypotheses you might work up from what they say?**

**Are there any clear differences between boys' and girls' attitudes?**

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# Our boys mash the roast beef munching English!

Norman troops were today celebrating a great victory over the English forces led by the treacherous 'King' Harold.

After a grueling twelve-hour battle the heroic Norman troops were finally successful in routing the English army who fled in panic and confusion into the surrounding forests.

## Struck

The turning point in the battle came when the English 'King' Harold was struck in the eye with an arrow. Regime-change was guaranteed when two of his brothers were also hacked down by brave Norman troops.

## Trap

Earlier Duke William had cleverly broken the English ranks by luring them into a trap. Our brave lads pretended they were retreating in order to get English cavalry to chase them. William then launched a counter-attack and threw all his forces against the gaps in the English defences.

## Blood

"After being a target for so long it was great to get blood on our swords as we mashed through the English defences," said commander Biscuit.

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## OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF

**William conquers 'bastard'**  
Duke William is determined to throw off his 'bastard' title now that he is King of England. A close friend has revealed that William has always felt unhappy with his nickname and intends to make a new start in England as William the Conqueror.

**Harold alive and well and working in Specsavers, customer claims.**

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**New King William vows to raise standards in Education.** French to replace English in curriculum.

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