Section 2: Creative Writing

You should spend about **25 minutes** on this section, including **5 minutes** of planning.

This section is worth **25 marks.**

Write a story in first person (using 'I') that begins with the sentence, "Suddenly, I heard a terrifying snarl and, turning slowly, found myself face to face with a ferocious beast."

medeyi l knight — sp. error: 'medieval'

Before you start, ask yourself:

- Who are you writing as and where is your story set? — a dragon's lair
- How will your narrator react to the sight of the beast? — fighther
- What literary devices will you use to make your writing interesting?

You can use the box below to plan your response. Spend no more than 5 minutes planning.

Very well done for using the planning box so effectively to remember everything you need to include!

alliteration: Slimy Scales ✓

vocab:
precarious ✓
lavish ✓
transfixed ✓
grisly ✓

great vocabulary!

simile: as hot as a furnace ✓

metaphor: ~~eyes like~~ marbles ✓

great to see you thinking about metaphors, but careful, as this is actually a simile - you could turn it into a metaphor if you said something like "the dragon's eyes were marbles"

could you include a list of punctuation you want to use?

beginning - the knight is shocked to see the dragon

middle - they have a battle

ending - the knight narrowly escapes back to his horse

great clear structure

Now write your story on the lines below.

Suddenly, I heard a terifying snarl and, turning slowly, found myself face to face with a ferocious beast. I caught site of its slimy scales, teeth as sharp as daggers, and a pair of beedy eyes like marbles. It was her - the dragon!

I stood transfixed at the spell of her beedy eyes. All at once I felt a strange sensation; I was becoming as hot as a furnace. Thankfully my magical armour shielded me from her fiery breathe and I quickly rolled away and drew out my sword as quick as a cheetah.

Slash! Clang! Whoosh!!

We had a gnashy fight over the bones of her victims and the lavish treasure all over the floor. I saw a skull and exclaimed, "I must escape from this precarious place!!!"

As quick as a flash, I made for the

great alliteration

sp. error: 'terrifying'

sp. error: 'sight'

sp. error: 'beady'

great use of different types of punctuation

great simile - and well done for sticking to your plan!

well done for using paragraphs to organize your writing!

lovely vocab

great effort, but it should be 'under the spell

sp. error: 'beady' also try not to repeat adjectives! Could you think of another one, perhaps 'twinkling'?

great sentence opener

great semicolon

fantastic simile!

gr. error: 'Thankfully, my'

but well done for using a variety of sentence openers!

gr. error: remember to use full stops!

sp. error: 'breath'

another great simile

effective use of onomatopoeia and short paragraphs for effect - well done

nice vocab!

beautiful description

great effort, but this isn't quite the right use of precarious, which means 'not securely held in place' or 'uncertain' - perhaps 'perilous' would be a better word here?

well done for using speech

Excellent use of a simile as an opener!

sp. error: 'loyal'

exit where my loyale horse, Jeff, was waiting for me. Jeff neighed, "hurry up, Sir Edmund!"

sp. error: 'dragon'

With the draggon hot on our trail, we galopped away at full speed. I couldn't wait to tell my knight buddies all about this adventure! I was finally safe.

sp. error: 'galloped'

what happened to the dragon?

At least for now...

great use of an ellipses to create suspense!

Excellent work! You used your plan very effectively and your writing is packed with great vocabulary.

Next time, could you write a bit more sensory description? What could you see or smell in the dragon's lair? How did you feel when you were fighting the dragon, or when you escaped?

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Creative Writing Task Feedback:

Story and structure: Clear beginning, middle and end evidenced by paragraphs, helping the narrative to flow. Narrative is relevant to the title and imaginative.	8/10	Well done on an excellent piece of writing! Your story was very imaginative and clearly relevant to the task. Your structure was extremely clear, and it was evident that you used your plan to great effect to create a distinct beginning, middle and end using paragraphs to help your narrative flow. I especially liked your short paragraph in the middle – 'Slash! Clang! Whoosh!' – which was very effective in giving a sense of the swift actions taking place during the fight. **Next time, could you write a little bit more in each part of your story? For example, could you recount a bit more about the fight? Also, your story ends a little abruptly – what happens to the dragon? Does she follow you back to the other knights?**
Language: A rich, descriptive vocabulary and use of literary devices including similes, metaphors, alliteration, hyperbole etc. Tone appropriate	5/7	Great work in this section – you used a number of complex words such as 'lavish' and 'transfixed' – very impressive! I was also impressed with all your similes which were very accurate and fit the tone of your story very well. It was also great to see you start using some alliteration, onomatopoeia and metaphors in your planning. **To improve, could you use a wider range of SHAMPOO techniques (similes, hyperbole, alliteration, metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia and oxymoron)? Also, I recommend you revise metaphors – make sure not to mix them up with similes!** Remember that a simile is a comparison of something to something else, whereas a metaphor is a way to describe something in a way that isn't literally

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		true but helps to explain a concept through poetic effect.
Grammar & Syntax: A variety of sentence types used. Tenses appropriate and consistent.	4/4	This is a very strong section for you. It was great to see some longer and shorter sentences, and you always used first person ('I') and past tense consistently. Keep up the great work!
Spelling & Punctuation: Accurate, using a range of punctuation including commas, semi colons, colons, apostrophes, and inverted commas.	2/4	Well done for using a range of punctuation effectively, including dashes, full stops, commas, exclamation marks and an ellipsis. I was impressed to see you spelling some complex words correctly (particularly 'transfixed' and 'precarious'). **However, spelling is an area you could work on as there were quite a few errors – make sure to revise the spelling of the words I pointed out** (such as 'terrifying,' 'sight,' 'beady,' 'dragon' etc). Also, **make sure you proof read your work, as you had a couple of punctuations missing!**
Total	19/25	

Marks Summary

Total Percentage Score	76%