

INTEGER

STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE

Young Writers invites you to write a story inspired by numbers. Numbers are everywhere, from our phones and watches to prices, temperatures and pass codes...

Why is 13 unlucky for some? Why is the deadline so urgent? Who can crack the secret code? What is the year 2099 like? With infinite numbers, there are infinite possibilities!

Check out the video that introduces the activity:
<https://youtu.be/gvmXjFCgpWg>

INTEGER:

[in-tuh-juh] noun

a number which is not a fraction; a whole number

CHECK OUT THESE STORY PROMPTS THAT COULD START, END, OR SIMPLY INSPIRE YOUR STORY:

- I was public enemy number one...
- Only 30 seconds left...
- Room 237 was empty...
- I was down to my last £5...
- I rolled a 6...
- I am number 13...
- It was 2099...
- Then there was none...

Or choose your own number to inspire your mini saga.

PROOFREADING TIPS

- Read your story out loud – this will help you hear if it flows
- Check it's in the same tense throughout
- Ask a friend to read it – fresh eyes will spot things you miss
- Are names and places all spelt consistently and correctly?
- Read through it several times, checking a different thing each time – tenses, spelling, punctuation, perspective etc
- Read the sentences in the wrong order – you will be more likely to spot errors if you're not focusing on the plot

WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR WHEN PICKING THE WINNERS?

- An original storyline and characters
- A complete story with a satisfactory ending
- A story that provokes an emotion – amusement, sorrow, fear, anger etc
- Vocabulary that evokes imagery or atmosphere (but don't swallow the thesaurus!)
- A clever or unexpected twist or ending
- An unusual or unique use of a story prompt
- Clear narrative structure

To see some previous winners, go to
www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/winners/KS3-4

STUDENT PRIZES

Our 5 favourite writers will each win **£50!**

Winners will be chosen from entries submitted in the Autumn Term 2022.



Plus Every entrant receives a bookmark and all young writers chosen for publication will receive a certificate of merit! There are prizes for schools **AND** your school will receive a free copy of the book their students feature in.

IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART!

1. Your teacher will give you a worksheet to write your mini saga on

OR

a login link to your school's Online Writing Portal where you will type your mini saga

2. Write your entry and your teacher will submit it!