

THE WRITING CLUB

Sydney's writing specialist

PRACTICE PAPER

Selective Writing Practice Paper

A timed writing practice set for NSW Selective preparation (Years 5–6).

Thornleigh · Online

INSTRUCTIONS

How to use this paper

Complete under timed conditions. Allow 30 minutes total: 2 minutes planning, 25 minutes writing, 3 minutes editing. Choose ONE task.

- Read both tasks before choosing.
- Plan a clear structure before writing.
- Write in full sentences and paragraphs.
- Leave time to check spelling and punctuation.

TASK A — PERSUASIVE

Persuasive writing

Some people believe homework should be banned in primary school. Write a persuasive piece arguing FOR or AGAINST this idea. Use a clear position, at least two arguments, and a strong conclusion.

TASK B — IMAGINATIVE

Creative writing

Write an imaginative story that includes the sentence: 'I knew, the moment I opened it, that nothing would be the same again.' Establish a character and setting quickly, build tension, and finish with a deliberate ending.

SELF-MARKING

Self-marking checklist

- Is my position or storyline clear from the start?
- Does each paragraph do one job?
- Have I varied my sentence lengths for effect?
- Is my vocabulary precise rather than just long?
- Is my ending deliberate?
- Are spelling and punctuation accurate?

