

## Writing

**LO: To write an explanation, developing ideas in detail.**

### **YOUR TASK:**

You have been invited to take part in a new radio programme entitled '**Shipwrecked**'. In the programme, people have to choose two people they would like to be shipwrecked with and why.

Your task is to **choose two people with whom you would like to be shipwrecked** and **explain your choices**.

Remember that you need to provide convincing explanations of your reasons for choosing these people. The people can be real or imagined.



### **Who would you choose to take with you?**

<b>People you know</b>	<b>Celebrities</b>
Family member	Celebrity Chef (Jamie Oliver)
Doctor/ Nurse	Fitness Fanatic (Joe Wicks)
Scout/ Guides Leader	Survival Expert (Bear Grylls)
DIY Expert	Entertainer (David Walliams)

### **What qualities are needed when shipwrecked?**

Observant  
Creative  
Inspirational  
Sensible  
Clever  
Practical  
Cheerful

Sensitive  
Caring  
Helpful  
Positive  
Enthusiastic  
Empathetic  
Forward-thinking

Reflective  
Determined  
Calm  
Inventive  
Strong  
Protective  
Quick-witted

## Things you may want to consider:

- **A range of complex, compound and simple sentences.** Consider the types of complex sentences you can include and be sure to add in parenthesis as well as using multi-clause sentences.
- As this writing is for a radio show, try to add in some **personal anecdotes** (references to stories/ things that have happened in the past) you have about the people you are bringing. Make sure you can give examples which show the desirable qualities that they have.
- **Links between you paragraphs** – try to mention something from the previous paragraph in the first sentence of the next paragraph to help you writing flow.
- **A range of punctuation** – in this piece of writing, you could focus on dashes, semi-colons, sophisticated use of commas



## Success Criteria



Sentence Structure and Punctuation	Text and Organisation	Composition and effect	Spelling
<p>Complex sentence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Connectives</b> - however, due to, despite, yet, when, whilst</li> <li>• <b>Parenthesis</b></li> </ul> <p>Capital letters for names and places?</p> <p>() brackets ()</p> <p>??? Question marks ???</p> <p>!!! Exclamation marks !!!</p> <p>Colon :::: Semi colon ;;;</p> <p>Hyphen ----</p> <p>Ellipsis .....</p> <p>Apostrophes - can't, didn't, haven't</p>	<p>Link paragraphs</p> <p>Ordered text with introduction AND conclusion.</p>	<p>Address the audience</p> <p>Adjectives</p> <p>Adverbs</p> <p>Alliteration</p> <p><u>Anecdotes</u></p> <p>✓ Dash</p> <p>✓ Semi-colon</p> <p>✓ Relative Clause</p>	

## Suggested Structure and Planning Sheet

This is an idea to help guide you, **if you have other ideas please pursue them.** There is not a strict number of paragraphs but the following will help you to structure your ideas.

### **Paragraph One** – Introduce why being shipwrecked would be a challenge. Why would you need to choose the people who were with you very carefully?

Being shipwrecked would be the ultimate challenge of having to fend for oneself in an isolated, remote location. One where, to remain sane, it would be necessary to take two very calm, adaptable, yet capable individuals who would be able to cope and deal with any situation, however bizarre, that presents itself. This would be an experience so far removed from my comfort zone, so, in order to remain physically and mentally stable, I would need two exceptional comrades!

### **Paragraph Two** – Who would be the first person you would choose? What qualities do they have? What examples do you have to prove this?

One person who instantly comes to mind is my Aunt Alice, who is not only one of the most enthusiastic people I know, but also quick-witted, highly inventive and very logical. She has the ability to make something out of literally nothing as well as being a culinary genius! She would have no problem foraging for essential foodstuffs whether it be high up in a coconut tree or deep underground digging for a water source. Shinning up a rope in P.E. lessons when she was at school, was a breeze and she was cross country champion three years in a row! She could turn the prickliest nettles, wild garlic and freshly-gathered fruits and berries into a sumptuous gourmet salad fit for any Master Chef menu. Another requirement to staying fit and healthy, would be her great sense of humour as well as her positive outlook on life. When I'm feeling down, I know I can rely on Aunt Alice to keep my spirits up and remain determined to overcome the dilemma; she's a great listener!

### **Paragraph Three** - – Who would be the second person you would choose? What qualities do they have? What examples do you have to prove this?

To complete my ideal team, Bear Grylls is a must! Not only is he a survival expert, he has all the essential qualities and skills to ensure that Aunt Alice and I will remain safe until our rescue. He's very hands on and could quickly build a shelter with protective add.ons to ward off any uninvited guests, Knowing the fauna and flora of every area and terrain he has ever encountered, would also be an advantage because, in the event of any unforeseen illness or injury, Bear would know exactly what herbs to use medicinally...crucial to staying alive! Given his hunting, raft-making and fishing prowess we would be sure to maintain as balanced a diet as possible. However, more than anything would be his overarching desire and determination to conquer the elements and the environment in order to succeed.

### **Paragraph Four** – Summary and final concluding remark

What a terrific duo! I feel absolutely convinced that the two people I have chosen will confidently be able to rise above the challenge in order to survive a shipwreck ordeal; you never know, we may even enjoy the whole experience!