

How we teach VCOP

We encourage children to include VCOP in every piece of writing they produce. In order to help them do this we use a range of resources:

- VCOP pyramids
- VCOP place mats
- VCOP displays in classrooms
- VCOP ICT programmes

We also make learning VCOP fun with games!

Some examples you may want to try at home....

Full stop, question mark or exclamation mark?

Look out! It's a cat!

What could these adjectives be describing?

fierce fluttery

"before" or "because"? Which is the best connective?

Mum was cross I broke her favourite vase.

What is the most interesting way to finish the sentence?

A long time ago

What is the most interesting way to finish the sentence?

To my utter amazement ...

Don't say "said" say

Replace "said" with a better word:

"Can I stay up late tonight," said Anna.

How can you support your child at home?

There are lots of ways in which you can extend your child's learning at home:

- Encourage your child to write at home e.g. cards, labels, lists, diaries, stories etc
- Discuss ideas for 'wow words', connectives and good openers which the children can use
- Find good examples of VCOP while sharing a book together
- Discuss homework together and make a list of appropriate VCOP which the children could use
- Give praise for great use of language or punctuation
- Play a VCOP game!
- Make writing fun!



If you would like more information on VCOP then please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or, alternatively, you could access the VCOP materials on the internet:

www.andrelleducation.co.uk

The Croft Primary School



VCOP Information Leaflet

This leaflet explains what VCOP is, how it is used in school and how you can support your child further at home

What is VCOP?

VCOP is used in each classroom to develop children's writing skills. It focuses on the four main aspects of the writing process:

V—Vocabulary

C—Connectives

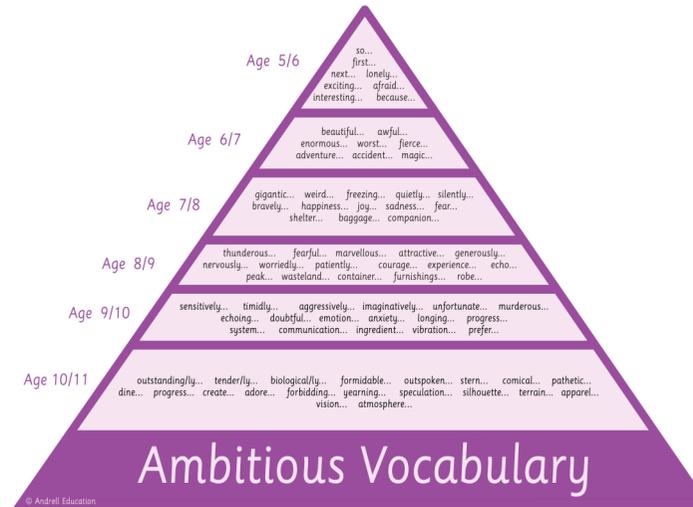
O—Openers

P—Punctuation

The VCOP materials, teach the pupils the skills needed to improve their own writing. It provides a selection of different language and punctuation options for them to use in their writing. Each option is levelled so that the children can not only make appropriate choices, suitable for their ability, but also aim to improve their writing by selecting vocabulary and punctuation from the higher level.

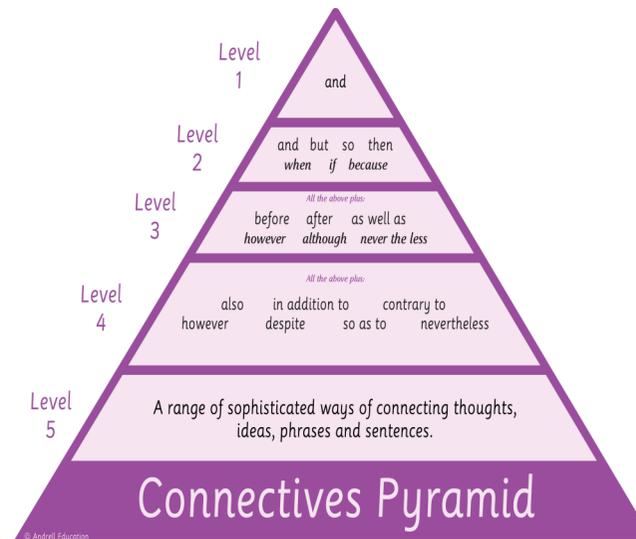
V—Vocabulary

'Wow Words' to be used in writing.



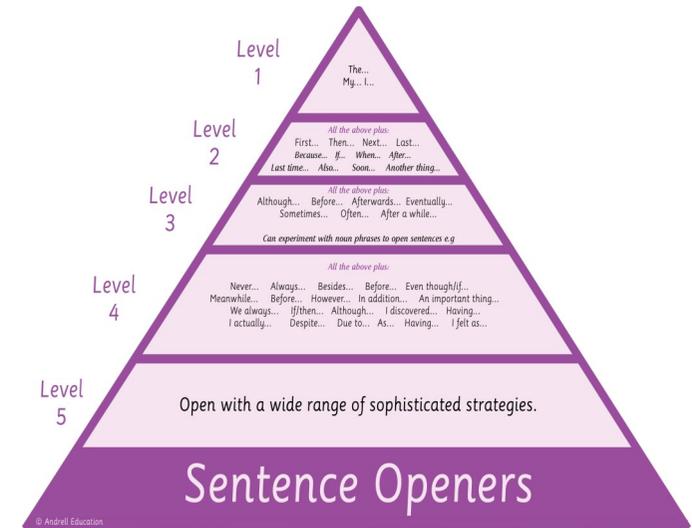
C—Connectives

Powerful connectives or joining words which can be used to link ideas



O—Openers

Exciting language to use to open a sentence.



P—Punctuation

Children learn the names of the different punctuation on the pyramid and apply them in their writing.

