

Big Write

Write in your Purple Books.

1. Look at the pictures of baby dragons. Talk about them with your parent.
Do you think they could be real ? Look closely at their appearance.



2. Now read the story that I have written. Take notice of the paragraphs that I have used to structure my writing. Point these out to your parent. Why do you think I've started new paragraphs when I did?

I looked down at my trembling hand. There sat the tiny dragon looking up at me...

His eyes were as deep as the darkest of pools. Despite the darkness they were beautiful and kind. I smiled. He smiled back. I saw his teeth; they were tiny, but razor sharp.

His nostrils were bigger than his eyes and I noticed smoke coming out of them as he panted softly.

Along the dragon's body were triangular spikes. Each one shimmered and glistened. They looked almost wet but they were dry to touch.

His skin was crimson with a hint of turquoise that seemed to change and alter depending where you looked.

His tail was as long as my ring finger and ended in a fork.

He sat perched on my hand. His head moving from side to side as he studied me. As I was studying him.

I suddenly became aware of a sharp pain on my finger. It was the dragon's talons gripping onto me as if it was afraid he might fall. But I thought dragons could fly...? I heard a whimper. Was that a tear that dropped from his eye?

I felt protective of this little thing. I wanted to look after him, to keep him safe.

Carefully, I laid him down on my soft pillow. I went to the computer to find out how to keep a dragon...

3. Have a closer look at some of the vocabulary (words) that I've used. You might like to use these in your writing. Note them down. Note down any other vocabulary that comes into your head so you don't forget to use it. Ask your parent for some adjectives (describing words).

In my story, I have used the pronoun "he" but you might want to use the pronoun "she" or even "it"

4. Now, I'd like you to you **write your own narrative**. I looked down at my trembling hand. There sat the tiny dragon looking up at me...

Use these prompts to help you:

- **Describe what he looked like**
- **Describe what he was doing**
- **Describe how you felt.**
- **Did you talk to him?**
- **Did he seem frightened? How could you tell?**
- **Explain how you put him somewhere safe so that you could research how to look after him on the computer.**

5. When you have finished your story, **edit** it: Use // to show any paragraphs that you forgot to put in. Check your spellings. Improve any vocabulary (words).

6. **Illustrate** your story by drawing your baby dragon.