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# ***Real Life Writing***

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Uncle Ray's Book Catalogue

☐ Buying from book catalogues is a popular way to buy. It's sometimes easier and quicker to look through a list of books and order from a catalogue than it is searching through a bookstore trying to find what you want. Catalogue books are also often cheaper than buying from a bookstore. Look over *Uncle Ray's Book Catalogue* and place an order for some books you might like. Add up the totals and select a method of payment. If you wanted to pay by cheque, you could make up your own cheque form.

1. Why do you think each book has its own CODE? E.g. **RM3474** My Summer Holiday  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why do you think people would use a book catalogue instead of buying from a bookstore?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you ever bought a book from a catalogue? If so, which book/s did you buy, when did you buy them? Did anyone help you fill out the form?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Why do you think the catalogue has been broken into groups such as *Horror* and *Romance*?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Why do you think it says, "*Please do not send money through the post.*"?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What would you do if you sent off your order and they accidentally sent you the wrong items? Explain what you could do about it.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What does the expression 'shipping' mean? Where do you think it came from?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What do you think this means? "*Prices are subject to change without notice.*"  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Activity:

Set up your own catalogue book company. Make a catalogue. Write down all the books you would sell and make up an ORDER FORM. Give it to a partner to fill in and use.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Birthday Party

- ☐ Everybody loves to celebrate a birthday - especially if it's your own. However, parties need to be organised so the guests have a good time. Fill in the details of this birthday invitation as if it were your own and then answer the following questions:

1. Why do you think people prefer to send out invitations for birthday parties rather than simply by phone invitation?

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2. What sort of information do invitations need to provide? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What do you think RSVP means? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why do you think the organiser wants to know if you're going to attend the party or not?

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5. Make a list of as many other types of invitations you can think of.

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6. What was the last party you attended? What was the reason for the party and who else was there? Write a recount about the party.

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## Activity:

Design your own invitation. Use your coloured pencils to decorate and make it as attractive as you can. Once complete, fill it out and give it to someone. They can then use the RSVP slip to reply.



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# Kids World Magazine

- ☐ Magazines can be bought from newsagents, and can also be bought direct from the publisher. Look over the Kids World Magazine flyer and fill in the application form.

Complete the following.

1. What are four different features you will find in *Kids World Magazine*?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why do you think it's cheaper to buy 12 months subscription rather than 6 months?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. FREEPOST means the magazine will pay for the postage when you send the application form. Why do you think they will pay the postage for you?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. It is not necessary to send money straight way; instead they will *invoice you later*. What does this mean?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What do you think are the best features about Kids World Magazine?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. List three ways in which magazines differ from books.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Why do you think magazines usually cost more than newspapers?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you or any other member of your family ever subscribed to a magazine. If so, which one/s?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Activity:

If you could start your very own magazine, what would it be about? Give it a name and make a list of all the types of stories you would include. Design and make a front cover for your magazine, making it as attractive as you can. Don't forget to put a price on it! Display it in the room when completed.








Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# *Creative Writing Competition*

## **It's on again!**

Every year for the last seven years, Quills have run the national Creative Writing Competition for children aged 7 - 8, 9 - 10 and 11-12 years. You can win over \$300 worth of books for your school as well as a new computer worth \$1200 for yourself!

## **Conditions:**

-  Your story must be original.
-  Your story must be less than 2000 words.
-  Your story must be received before March 30<sup>th</sup>.
-  Your story must be attached to the official entry form below.
-  One entry per person is permitted.
-  Cost to enter is free.
-  Stories will not be returned, so make a copy before you send.

## **Creative Writing Competition**

### **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ PC: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Tick the right box: ☐ 7-8 years ☐ 9-10 years ☐ 11-12 years

Number of words (approx.) in your entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Story title: \_\_\_\_\_

**POST ENTRIES BEFORE MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> to:** QUILLS COMPETITION, PO BOX 23,  
GPO, YOUR CAPITAL CITY.

**Declaration. I declare my story is original and is my own work.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (signed by entrant)

\_\_\_\_\_ (signed by teacher)