#247CHALLENGE PARENTS' GUIDE

WHAT IS THE #247CHALLENGE?

We want to get EVERYONE writing creatively for National Writing Day 24th June 2020 so we've created the #247challenge – a quick, fun and easy challenge to get your creative juices flowing!

The challenge has three simple rules:

- 1. Write a story or poem in 24 words.
- 2. Start with the words 'One day'.
- 3. You only have 7 minutes to write!

WANT SOME TIPS?

Check out these videos by some great writers:



Mark Haddon author of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time



Frank Cottrell-Boyce author of *Millions* and The Unforgotten Coat



Rural Lincolnshire based writer **Sonya Hundal**



Russ Litten who has written novels, poems, short stories and electronica albums

HOW TO RUN THE ACTIVITY AT HOME

- Write alongside your child! This will help motivate them, plus we want to read your writing too.
- Carve out some time in the day to do the challenge. You'll need 7 minutes to write but you'll also need some time to explain the task, to watch some videos for inspiration (like watching <u>Mark Haddon</u> or Frank Cottrell-Boyce explaining the activity) or talk through some ideas.
- All you need is a paper and pen.
- If you'd like to print off a #247Challenge activity sheet (which explains the task) you can find that here.
- Set a timer for 7 minutes (but if you think this step is too tricky for your child, do omit it - we just want everyone to have fun!)

SHARE! SHARE! SHARE!

We would love for you to share your work on National Writing Day using the hashtag #247challenge and #NationalWritingDay.

We want as many 24/7 stories or poems out in the world as possible, because we believe that writing is fun, it makes you feel good, and it's important for everyone to have a chance to express themselves.







