

The background of the slide is a composite image of Earth and the Moon in space. The Earth is shown in the upper left and lower right, with its blue oceans and white clouds. The Moon is visible in the upper right, showing its craters. The text is overlaid on a dark blue horizontal band across the center.

YEAR 5 ENGLISH WEEK BEGINNING 18TH MAY

L.O.: I can tell a story in only 200 words.

YOUR TASK

- This week, I'd like you to write a story in **only 200 words!**
- Even though it's short, you need to think carefully about the **plot, vocabulary, structure and cohesion** (how it flows overall). In fact, because the words are restricted, you will probably need to think even more carefully about these things than in a normal piece of writing!
- On the last page, there are **3 prompts to choose from** to write your story about.
- The total of all the words on this page is 100 words, so you only have double this to write a whole story!

TIPS FOR WRITING A 200 WORD STORY

- **Plan, plan and plan!** Map out what the **main events** in your story will be – beginning, middle, end. Because it's only 200 words, your beginning might only be one or two sentences so that you have enough words for all the action in the middle!
- Think carefully about what is the **essential information** you need to include to tell your story well.
- Because you only have 200 words, don't try to cram too many events or characters in. **Keep it simple, but exciting!**
- Use a computer to write it if possible so you can see the word count and edit easily.
- **Choose vocabulary carefully for effect.** Instead of 'went up quickly in to the dark night sky' (9 words), 'fired through the darkness' (4 words)

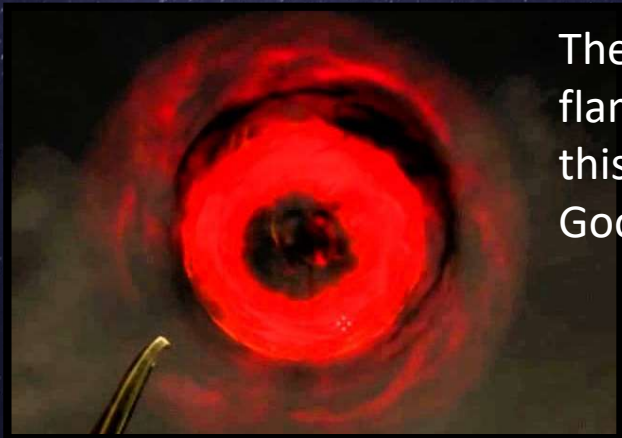
CHOOSE ONE OF THESE PROMPTS TO BASE YOUR STORY AROUND:



A large meteor is heading towards Earth. How will we try to save the world? Can we block the meteor? How?



A small mouse sneaks on to the Lunar Module with Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. What chaos does it cause on the space shuttle?! Or does it help somehow?



The sun has suddenly become a swirling, flaming mass of black and red. What does this mean? What will happen to Earth? Good or bad? Can it be stopped?

**Good luck! Don't forget to email
me your finished stories 😊**