

## Year 8 Parents/Carers' Evening Resource Sheet

Here are some useful websites to help support your child with KS3 reading and writing skills in English at home.

Of course, reading is the best way to improve a wide range of English skills: books, articles, magazines, blogs, autobiographies, how to guides, fiction, comic books, graphic novels – it all helps. You can join your local (Norfolk) library and access thousands of books for free here:

<https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN>

### Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/resources/cgp-s-free-online-10-minute-tests/free-ks3-spag-online-10-minute-tests>

### Reading Skills

Non-fiction: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfwpd6f>

Fiction: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zn8tkmn>

Fiction reading & creative writing:

<https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/english-secondary-ks3/units/step-into-the-unknown-fiction-reading-and-creative-writing/lessons>

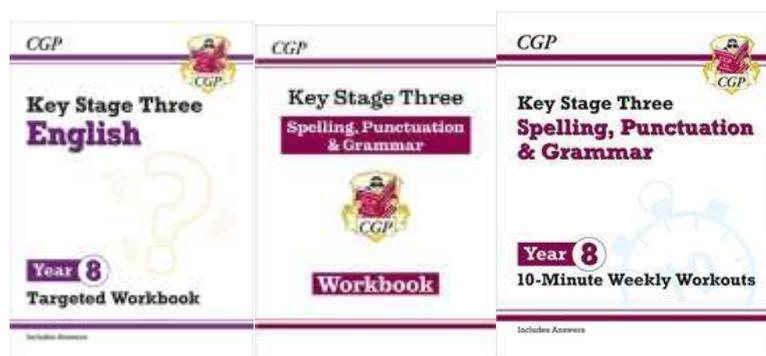
### Writing Skills

Non-Fiction: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zv7fqp3>

Fiction: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zn8tkmn>

Dystopia: <https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/english-secondary-ks3/units/dystopian-settings-descriptive-writing/lessons>

**KS3 English Study Guides** – should you wish to purchase some study guides then the CGP publications are a great starting point:



- You also have access to the school knowledge organisers. Your child also needs to read regularly for their English homework and complete quizzes on Accelerated Reader (link on school website).