

6.4 Writing

Linking words and sentences

Focus: *linking ideas in order to write good sentences and paragraphs.*

1. There are many different types of texts. In your subject classes and for homework you usually need to write texts stating facts. Other types of texts are narratives (which tell stories) and argumentative texts (which give one or both sides of an argument). Below is a list of facts:

- **Name = Michael**
- **Studies science**
- **Blue eyes**
- **Is Irish**
- **Loves football**
- **Reads Top Gear magazine**



Michael, an Irish boy, is a blue-eyed science student who loves football and reads Top Gear magazine.

In the bubble on the right, these facts are linked into one piece of text.

2. Can you list three ways how the facts were joined in the sentence?
3. Make a bulleted list of 5 or 6 points about yourself.
4. Give them to a partner. Your partner must turn them into one sentence.
5. Take turns reading out the sentences about one another.
6. Choose a famous person, a place you know well, or an object to describe. Write down between five and ten facts about them.
7. Write a text that includes all these facts, making as many links as you can so that it reads like continuous text.
8. Practise writing texts stating facts, by doing work from your subject textbooks. For example: in *New Complete Geography*, chapter 2, pages 11 and 12, the facts are clearly laid out. Write a sentence about each of the following:

granite

basalt

sandstone

limestone

OR

CSPE *Impact* Study 8 page 25 – 28: there are lots of facts about Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King. Write a text about each person.