**You are going to write the opening of a story about discovering something in a house, but you must follow these rules:**

Sentence One: Describe the emotions you feel as you enter the house.

Sentence Two: Can only be five words.

Sentence Three: Must describe the inside of the house with three adjectives.

Sentence Four: Must speak about a smell.

Sentence Five: Must be seven words long.

Sentence Six: Must use a simile.

Sentence Seven: Must include three adjectives.

Sentence Eight: Must describe something you discover in the house.

Sentence Nine: Must begin ‘Then suddenly…’

You should now be able to finish your short story.

**REMEMBER:** The length of your story is not as important as the quality of your story! Your examiner would rather see 200 words of quality than 500 words of poorly organised, poorly spelt and poorly punctuated nonsense!

**Marking**

Proof reading is **absolutely essential** when writing your narrative. 16 out of the 40 marks available are awarded for your use of vocabulary, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation. You must aim for perfection!

The other 24 marks are awarded for communication and organisation so make sure your story is clear and concise. Following the above steps for an opening will help you stay on course.