

English Tuesday to Friday

Your task for the week is to write a story based on the film Castaway.

Watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TWYDogv4WQ>

In the film a man survives a plane crash in the Pacific Ocean and is washed ashore onto a deserted island. The film is about the man (his name is Chuck) and his efforts to survive. Plan and write the story this week – I would love to read your efforts.

Targets for your writing:

1. One and two clause sentences in your opening paragraph.
2. Commas to separate clauses in longer sentences.
3. A bit of dialogue – punctuated correctly and better words for said.
4. Adverbial phrases and adverbs with verbs.
5. Expanded noun phrases.
6. Preposition phrases.
7. Wide variety of sentence openers.
8. Passive voice and modal verbs.

Here is a guide and some examples of all the punctuation you should be able to use:

Punctuation guide.	
Punctuation.	Example of how to use it.
, comma	Without warning, the plane dived out of control. Even though the cave was dark, Chuck found his small hatchet.
? question mark	What was that? What would he do next?
! exclamation mark	Watch out! Crash!
... ellipsis	Chuck breathed heavily as his eyes began to slowly close...
“ ” inverted commas	“Return ticket to Papua New Guinea please”, Chuck requested politely. “No problem Sir – have a nice day!”, replied the lady, far too happy in her work!
’ apostrophe	Chuck couldn’t make a flame at first. The tip of the wing of Chuck’s plane finally disappeared from view.
- dash	Suddenly it dived – dived down towards the dark sea, spiralling out of control.
- hyphen	The ear-splitting screams of the other passengers filled Chuck’s mind.
; semi colon	He just couldn’t undo the seatbelt; his seat was too damaged.
: colon	Then the answer came to him: just calmly slide the knife inside.
() brackets	The lady behind the desk (who looked like she enjoyed her job far too much) smiled the widest and falsest smile Chuck had ever seen.