

What to do today

1. Look closely at an illustration

- Look at *New Characters* sheet. These are six possible new characters that could join Mario in a game. Have a think about these questions and talk them through with your adult if possible (don't write anything down yet)
 1. Which character is your favourite?
 2. How would you describe them?
 3. What do you think they would be good at? Think about special powers.

2. Remind yourself about word classes

- Use the *Revision Card* to remind yourself about word classes.
- Complete *Character Sentences*. Invent a name for each of the six new characters, fill in the grid for them and then write a sentence about them.

3. Now for some writing

- Make up a short story about some of the new characters.
- Try to include adjectives and adverbs in your story.

Well done! Now read your story to a grown-up. Can you tell them the adjectives and adverbs that you have used? Can you ask them to spot any nouns or verbs that you have used?

Try these Fun-Time Extra

- Can you make a scene from your story? You could act it out with others or could use toys.
- Can you read your story to someone who isn't in your house?
- Can you look in books to collect some really good nouns, adjectives, adverbs and verbs?

New Characters



Revision Card – Word Classes

Nouns

A **noun** names a person, place, idea, thing or feeling.



a plumber
the rescue
a race
a mushroom

In front of a **noun**, we often have

a an the → determiners

Verbs

Verbs indicate that someone or something is **doing, feeling or being**.

Mario gasped.
The kart hurtled.
He has Princess Peach.
I win!



Usually **verbs** have the name of a person or thing or a pronoun in front of them.

Adjectives

An **adjective** is a describing word.
It tells you more about a **noun**.



those funny clothes
some exciting news
a nice, normal day
his clenched fist

The clothes were funny.

Adjectives sometimes come next to 'their' **nouns**...
but sometimes they do not.

Adverbs

An **adverb** tells you more about a **verb**.
It helps us express **manner, time and place**.



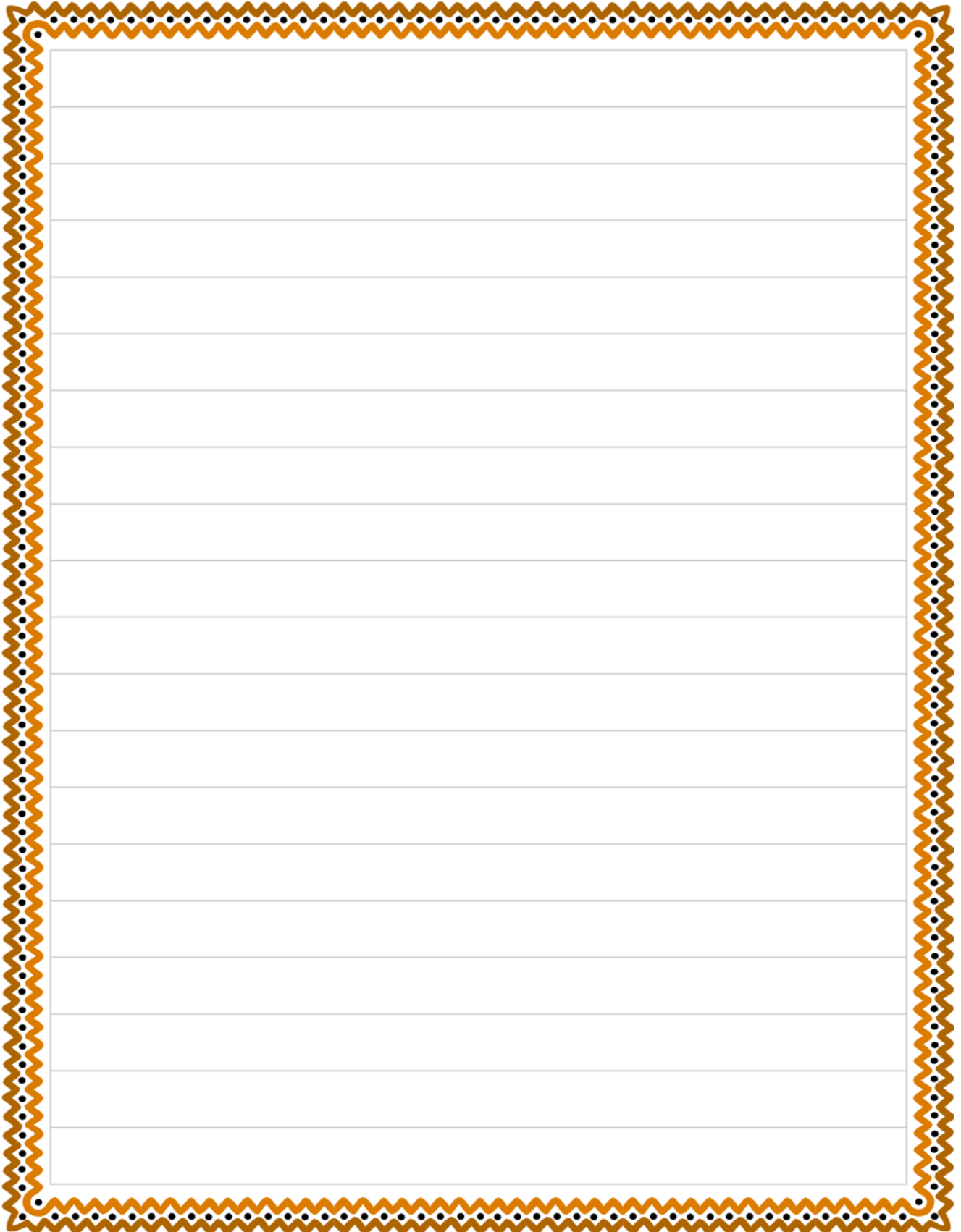
How? gently, kindly, quickly, hard, loudly, carefully, fast, spoke quickly, wildly, then, next, arrived last

When? soon, earlier, daily, often, first, daily, yesterday, then, next, last, yesterday, daily, arrived last

Where? here, there, around, away, inside, back, everywhere, nearby, ran away

Mario Character Story

Take up to three of the characters. Make up a story that involves them. Try to use adverbs and adjectives in your writing.



A large rectangular writing area with a decorative orange and black zigzag border. The interior is ruled with horizontal lines, providing space for writing a story.