**Paint Colours – Writing Inspiration – “Pick a Title”**

**EXERCISE:**

Here I have picked out a list of ridiculously named paint colours. Find one that tickles your fancy, or close your eyes and point at one at random, and write a story which includes that paint colour, or use the colour as the title of your story. Perhaps you’ll choose Steel Parade, and write about a mechanical parade for robots. Or maybe Dusted Fondant is more your vibe, and you’ll create a fanfiction spin off for The Great British Bake Off. The blank page is your (Pearl Grey) oyster!

**EXTRA CHALLENGE**

Choose your colour, set yourself a timer, and write continuously for 10 minutes. No cheating, no stopping, and certainly no deleting! Let the words come and at the end of the ten minutes, see what you have that you can work with. You might be surprised what your mind comes up with. HINT – if you’re really struggling, just start writing stream of consciousness until the words come. Anything that comes to mind at all, and then once you work around to your chosen colour, start the timer.

**BOSS LEVEL CHALLENGE**

Try to include as many of the paint colours in your story as humanly possible. Perhaps the Morning Light was christened by a Frosted Dawn, illuminated by an Absolute White Moon Shimmer? It doesn’t have to be in order, but there are bonus fancy writer points if you can squeeze in loads of extra colours as you go.

Once you have your story, see if it sparks any ideas for a longer piece of fiction, or whether you can edit it as a short or even flash story. If you come up with something really bonza, hop over to Twitter and send me a screenshot, @melliver!

**Morning Light** Frosted Dawn **Absolute White** Moon Shimmer **Fine Cream** Cream Tea **Classic Cream** Orchid White **Magnolia** Jasmine White **Cotton Cream** Gardenia **Timeless** Vanilla White **Almond White** Celtic Cream **White Cotton** Ultra White **Pure Brilliant White** White Chiffon **Delicate Seashell** Barley Twist **Barley White** Natural Wicker **Cornish Cream** Bone China **Natural Calico** Milky Pail **Summer Linen** Rock Salt **White Mist** Porcelain Doll **Ivory** Vintage Chandelier **Boutique Cream** Pearl Grey **Feather Flock** Jasmine Shimmer **Spring Rose** Sorbet **Blossom White** Sweet Pink **Blush Pink** Pretty Pink **Satin Bow** Love Note **Berry Smoothie** Fuschia Lily **Raspberry Bellini** Volcanic Red **Pepper Red** Raspberry Diva **Roasted Red** Salsa Red **Cranberry Crunch** Sumptuous Plum **Redcurrant Glory** Monarch **Ruby Starlet** Soft Coral **Apricot Crush** Soft Peach **Tangerine Twist** Moroccan Flame **Orange Fizz** Tuscan Terracotta **Coral Flair** Copper Blush **Collective Coral** Toasted Terracotta **Brick Red** Honey Beam **Desert Wind** Coastal Glow **Ivory Lace** Apricot White **Buttermilk** Sunbaked Terracotta **Lemon Pie** Banana Split **Vanilla Sundae** Lunar Falls **Lemon Tropics** Lemon Spirit **Pale Citrus** Soft Vanilla **Daffodil White** Wild Primrose **Sunny Day** Butter Biscuit **Lemon Punch** County Cream **Honey Mustard** Muted Gold **Vanilla Scoop** Apple White **Soft Apple** Fresh Stem **Melon Sorbet** Luscious Lime **Kiwi Crush** Nordic Spa **Wellbeing** Spring Meadow **Antique Map** Jurassic Stone **Willow Tree** Valley Rock **Crushed Aloe** Graceful Green **Green Ivy** Overtly Olive **Sophisticated Sage** Putting Green **Green Glade** Fresh Sage **Enchanted Eden** Olive Grove **Pixie Green** Heathland **Buckingham** Highland Green **First Frost** Jade White **Pistachio Whip** Ocean Ripple **Peppermint Candy** Atmosphere **Lagoon Falls** Mint Macaroon **Blue Reflection** Marine Splash **Teal Façade** Proud Peacock **Teal Tension** Teal Touch **Teal Ripple** Blueberry White **Mineral Mist** Blissful Blue **Coastal Grey** Misty Sky **Quintessential Blue** Frosted Lake **First Dawn** Blue Babe **Blue Lagoon** Vast Lake **Nordic Sky** Denim Drift **Stonewashed Blue** Sea Blue **Breton Blue** Lost Lake **Sapphire Salute** Oxford Blue **Striking Cyan** Atlantic Blue **Cotton Breeze** Violet White **Scent Bottle** Gentle Lavender **Dusted Fondant** Sugared Lilac **Lavender Quartz** Amethyst Starling **Pressed Thistle** Heather Climb **Mulberry Burst** Royal Berry **Purple Pout** Deep Aubergine **Just Walnut** Ashen White **Cornflower White** Polished Pebble **Thimble Case** Frosted Steel **Muted Stone** Pebble Shore **Pale Slate** Engraved Locket **Goose Down** Misty Mirror **Chic Shadow** Misty Mountain **Smooth Flint** Steel Parade **Dove Slate** Warm Pewter **Wishing Well** Concrete Grey **Natural Slate** Deep Fossil **Urban Obsession** Warm Graphite **Monument Grey** Gallant Grey **Bowler Hat** Black **Rich Black** Elderflower Tea **Almost Oyster** Nutmeg White **Hay Bale** Natural Hessian **Trench Coat** Evening Barley **Sandy Steps** Sesame Seed **Subtle Seashell** Gentle Fawn **Egyptian Cotton** Sandstone **Mellow Mocha** Caramel Latte **Soft Stone** Malt Chocolate **Crispy Crumble** Dusted Cappuccino **Rope Swing** Perfectly Taupe **Muddy Puddle** Caramel Cream **Cookie Dough** Warm Truffle **Soft Truffle** Ancient Artefact **Dusted Damson** Intense Truffle **Cocoa Powder** Hazelnut Truffle **Conker** Intense Chestnut **Roasted Coffee**