

## Writing -Term 5 Week 3 - The Environment

Book: 'Croc and Bird' by Alexis Deacon

<https://clpe.org.uk/powerofpictures/books-and-teaching-sequences-0/croc-and-bird>

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**Key Learning Focus:** Using exclamation marks



**Writing task:** Write an alternative ending to 'Croc and Bird'

**Description:** Write an alternative ending. Can you write an adventure for Croc and Bird; what adventure could Croc and Bird go on? Could they stay together, what might happen?

**Using exclamation marks:**

As a command	Go away! Come here!
To show fear or shock	I had no idea! It can't be true!
To show surprise or excitement	I love it! I can't believe it!
To show anger	I hate this game!
To show that someone is shouting	Look out! We are over here!
Exclamation sentences (Y2 only)	Starts with how or what Must include a verb Ends with an exclamation mark.

**Structure:**

- Introduce new characters
- Introduce the new setting
- Write what happens
- How does the new story end?

**Alternative ending ideas:**

- Croc and Bird might never see each other again
- Croc and Bird went down the river, where could it take them?
- Croc and Bird will always be brothers and make a home together
- Could Croc/Bird get lost and they have to find each other
- Could Croc and Bird find some new friends on the river
- How did they find out they weren't brothers?
- Croc and Bird meet at the end of the story instead of at the beginning.

**Model:**

"I'm hungry!" shouted Croc.

"Me too," said Bird. One hot day, Croc and Bird decided to go and find some food. They went to the river but the river took them far, far away from their home.

"I wonder where the river is taking us, Croc," said Bird. Croc and Bird were floating along the river and after a while, Croc noticed that Bird was missing. He shouted for Bird but he was not replying. Croc was so scared that he had lost his brother. "What ever will I ever do without Bird!" cried Croc. Croc knew that he needed his brother.

Croc climbed out of the huge, dirty river and he crawled around shouting for his brother. Croc could hear some wonderful birds tweeting in the distance so he followed the sweet singing. High up in the trees, Bird sang with other animals that looked just like him. "What wonderful singing!" thought Croc. Croc could see Bird was happy with his real family so he decided to leave him to it. Bird noticed Croc and flew to him. "I am so glad you found us," said Bird. Croc and Bird decided that no matter what other family they might have, they will always be brothers.

