

## Appendix 16 - Hayley's visual prompts for teaching imaginative writing

In your paper 1 exam, there is an opportunity to write an imaginative story by using images given to you. This task is to develop those skills.

You only need to choose ONE of the following. Using the images to prompt you. Write about a time when...

1. You found a secret door. You may use ideas from real life, or this can be completely made up.



2. Something unusual happened. You may use ideas from real life, or this can be completely made up.



3. You lost something important. You may use ideas from real life, or this can be completely made up.



4. You went on a journey You may use ideas from real life, or this can be completely made up.



**Commentary:** Students were told their stories had to respond to 'something they have lost' they may or may not use the bear. However, all students used the bear. What was interesting about this task is that in all the stories, the protagonist reverted to a younger version of themselves. While the bear played a varied significance amongst the stories, they all addressed the theme of attachment and declared some feelings towards the object. None of the stories seemed to describe the bear to any great extent, but there were feelings attached to it, nonetheless.