

STORY/ANECDOTE

A story or anecdote is usually in the first or the third person (I/ HE or SHE) and describes a series of events, either imaginary or based on your own experience. It consists of:

- **An introduction** in which you set the scene (people involved, time, place) in an interesting way to catch the reader's attention. Make notes under three headings:
 - PLACE where the story or anecdote happens
 - TIME when the story or anecdote happens
 - CHARACTERS, describe people involved (character and physical description)
- **A main body** consisting of two paragraphs in which you develop your story. Sequence of events is very important.
 - Use time words such as: at first, before, until, while, during, then, after, finally,...
 - Use various adjectives (amazing, boring, dangerous, difficult, easy, exciting, fun, interesting,...) to describe feeling, actions,...
- **A conclusion** in which you can refer to people's feelings, comments and reactions or consequences. The more unpredictable your conclusion is, the best impression on the reader.

TO HELP YOU:

Some sentences to help you in **the introduction**: *Once upon a time..., Long time ago..., It happened by a river..., In a far, far away place..., In a small village..., In a summer afternoon...*

To give your personal opinion: *In my opinion, in my view, To my mind, I think that...*

To list points: *Firstly, / First of all, / In the first place, / Secondly, / Thirdly, / Finally,...*

Don't forget to **use these in case you may need them**: *and, but, because, so, for example, for instance,...*

EXERCISE:

Now you have to write a story/anecdote to me. It has to be about something real or imaginary that happened time ago. Use about 80-100 words and **don't forget paragraphs!**
