

I can write a short story.

1 Read the story. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What does Emma tell us to set the scene?
 - a She wants to make some new friends.
 - b She wants to celebrate the end of exams.
- 2 What is the first event in the story?
 - a Emma talks to Cara.
 - b Emma invites Alfie and George.
- 3 What is the second event in the story?
 - a Emma decides that the new girl is boring.
 - b Emma decides to invite the new girl.
- 4 What is the climax of the story?
 - a Bethanie gets on well with everyone.
 - b Cara is bored at the party.



Making a new friend

Last weekend I wanted to celebrate the end of exams. I decided to invite a few friends round to my house to watch a movie and have some pizza. First, I asked Cara. She's my best friend. 'Cool! Great idea,' she said, so I was really pleased.

Next, we planned who else to invite. 'You should invite Alfie and George,' Cara said. 'They're always good fun.' I agreed and I added them to my list.

Just then, I noticed the new girl in our class. She was very quiet and she didn't really speak to anyone. To be honest, I thought she was a bit boring. 'I think I'll invite the new girl,' I said. I went over to her and asked her. 'I'd love to,' she said.

That weekend we had a great time. Everyone got on well with each other and the new girl, Bethanie, wasn't boring at all. In fact, she made us all laugh a lot and we're now good friends! In future I won't be so quick to judge people before I get to know them.

2 Write the underlined phrases and sentences from in the story in the correct group.

Starting your story and setting the scene	Last week it was my birthday. <u>Last weekend I wanted to celebrate the end of exams.</u>
Introducing your characters	Cara's in the same class as me. _____
Using time words and phrases to show the order of events	First, _____ _____ _____
Using direct speech	'You should invite Alfie and George,' Cara said. _____ _____
Ending your story	I learned an important lesson that day. _____

3 Complete the sentences with the time words below.

afterwards just last that

- 1 Last week it was my birthday.
- 2 _____ then, I noticed a girl who was standing on her own.
- 3 _____ day I made a new friend.
- 4 _____, she invited me round to her house.

4 Rewrite the direct speech with the correct punctuation.

- 1 I'm having a party next weekend I said
'I'm having a party next weekend,' I said.
- 2 Would you like to come to my party I asked

- 3 I'd love to come to the party he said but I can't

- 4 I think that's a great idea she said

5 Write a story about organising an event and making a new friend. Follow the instructions below.

- 1 Use the story in Exercise 1 as a model.
- 2 Follow these steps and say:
 - what event you wanted to organise.
 - what you did or who you spoke to first.
 - what you talked about and planned next.
 - who else you decided to invite and why.
 - what happened at the event.
 - what you learnt from the experience.