

6.7 Writing

A description of an event

1 Complete the short stories with the words and phrases from the box. There are two extra words or phrases for each story.

[after finally first the end then]

Steve started sailing when he was ten. At ⁰first, he only sailed in the summer holidays. ¹_____ a few years, he joined a club and sailed in the winter as well. He became a very good sailor. In ²_____ he decided to sail around the world and, right now, he is somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean near Argentina.

[after at in suddenly that]

Melanie's parents were worried about her. She didn't do any exercise. ³_____ first, they took her for cycle rides or walks but she was never happy and, one day, she just said 'no'. After ⁴_____, they decided to wait for her to change. It took a long time but, ⁵_____ the end, she met a boy who loved kayaking. Soon Melanie loved it too and now she goes every Saturday.

2 Choose the correct words in the description.

I'm now a football fan!

I wasn't very happy when my boyfriend told me that he wanted to watch every match of the World Cup. ¹At / For first, I stayed away from the television. I went out with my friends and read a lot.

²After that / After a few days, I noticed that even my friends knew a lot about the World Cup. One day we went to a café. We sat outside in the evening sun.

³Suddenly / Finally, I realised that I was alone. My friends were inside, in front of a big television screen. I had a choice – sit outside alone or be with them. So, I went in and watched the match. I really enjoyed it. ⁴Then / After that, I decided to watch all the matches. ⁵Finally / At first, my boyfriend was pleased but, ⁶after / then, I noticed that he was very quiet when matches were on.

⁷In / At the end, I realised that he preferred watching the matches alone and I preferred watching them with my friends. So, that's what we did and it wasn't a problem. We both enjoyed the World Cup.

3 Choose the correct words.

- 1 I was happy *but / because / so* it was a sunny day.
- 2 Don't listen to music. Concentrate on / in / with your homework.
- 3 I was very pleased / please / pleasant that Jim wrote to me.
- 4 It's impossible for / that / to walk twenty kilometers in one hour.
- 5 We're organising a sports day to lift / raise / spend money for poor children.
- 6 There was a party and we all dressed off / out / up as famous people.
- 7 I hope you remembered to / of / in do your homework.

4 Complete the conversation with one word in each gap.

Bella: So, tell me about the walk you went on. What was it for?

Sarah: It was to ⁰raise money ¹f _____ our local hospital.

Bella: Did people wear strange clothes?

Sarah: Some people did. I didn't ²d _____ up a _____ anything. I just wore shorts and a T-shirt.

Bella: How far was the walk?

Sarah: It was a 30km walk.

Bella: Wow! Did you finish?

Sarah: No, it was ³i _____ to finish the walk. The day started sunny and warm but there was a big storm later on. The organisers told us to stop. I walked 25km.

Bella: Was it difficult?

Sarah: Yes. I was with a friend for the first 20km. She couldn't go any farther ⁴b _____ she had a hole in her shoe. She called her parents. I nearly went with them but I decided to continue. After that, I ⁵c _____ on singing the songs on my MP3 player. I was glad I ⁶r _____ to take that.

Bella: So, did you enjoy the day?

Sarah: Yes, I did. I was very ⁷p _____ that I walked so far. I want to do another long walk now but maybe I'll check the weather forecast first!