WRITING A story (1)

1 **Have you or anyone you know been burgled? What happened?**

2 **Read Michael's story. Is Michael's story similar to yours or different?**

It was midnight, and I was watching a film when I heard a loud knock at the door. 'That's strange,' I thought. 'Who could it be?' I was a bit worried because I was by myself, so I quietly walked downstairs and stood by the front door to listen for any noise outside. I looked through the window but couldn't see anyone, so I slowly opened the door – nobody was there. I still felt nervous, but I went back inside to finish watching the film. Almost immediately, I heard another knock. I thought it was someone playing a joke, so I opened the door and walked out onto the street to see if I could see them. I looked up and down the street and after a minute or two returned to my house. I had just started watching the film again, when I heard a noise coming from upstairs. It sounded like there was someone up there moving around. I was really scared, so I ran straight to my neighbours' house for help. After a while, they answered the door, and I asked them to phone the police quickly. They looked at each other with worried faces. They rang the police and said they would come soon. While we were waiting for the police to arrive, we saw two men wearing black jeans and coats come out of my house with big bags full of things. They got into a car and drove away quickly. Not long after, the police arrived and checked my house. My mum's jewellery, my computer and some cash I had in my room were missing. The police never caught the burglars, and we never got our stuff back. It was a nasty experience, but I tell myself that I had a lucky escape.

3 **Tick (✓) the topics that Michael included.**

1 what time the burglary took place ☐
2 how many burglars there were ☐
3 what they were wearing ☐
4 how the burglars got away ☐
5 who called the police ☐
6 what damage the burglars caused ☐
7 what the burglars took ☐
8 how much money they stole ☐

4 **Look at the highlighted words in Michael's story. Which are adjectives and which are adverbs? Add two more of your own to each group.**

Adjectives	Adverbs

5 **Complete the sentences with an adjective or adverb from Exercise 4.**

1 I was so scared. I called the police _____.
2 The neighbours said the music was too _____.
3 I said goodbye to Ella and that I would see her _____.
4 It was hard to hear him – he talked very _____.
5 The horror film last night made me feel _____.
6 The book is complicated, so you have to read it _____.

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6 Prepare to write a story.

Read the task. Then plan your ideas, and make some notes.

> Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
> Your story must begin with this sentence:
> *I knocked on the door and waited.*

7 Write your story.

- Write about 100 words.
- Make sure there is a beginning, middle and end.
- Give the story an interesting title.
- Use verbs in the past simple and past continuous.
- Use adjectives and adverbs to make your story interesting.
- Remember to check your spelling and grammar.

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