

COMPOSITION 2 - Writing a STORY

Story Time

I was walking down the street with my friends when I saw the boy I like with his mates. I wanted to see if I could get him to look my way, so I looked over my shoulder with a big smile.

He gave me a quick look, then another, then a little smile. My heart was racing and I thought: "That was easy. I didn't need to do much to make him notice me." Then I felt like someone hit me in the face with a brick. I was shocked for a moment, and then I realised I had walked into a lamp post.

The boy I like and all his mates started to laugh. I couldn't believe it and all I wanted to do was to run away as fast as I could. But it was impossible because all my friends were laughing so hard that they could hardly stand.

Rosie, London

I was over at my friend's house for a party. We were dancing and having a good time, and then some of the boys started to break-dance in the middle of the room.

While we were watching them I thought I would show them what I can do. I did a few moves and everyone clapped their hands and cheered. Now for the grand finale. I had practised the steps and I could get right down to the floor. Suddenly I heard a loud ripping sound, as if something was tearing. There was a moment of shocked silence and then everyone started to laugh. My trousers had ripped from back to front. At first, I turned red and just wanted to disappear, but then I started laughing too! I had to borrow a pair of trousers from my friend. I didn't try the steps again the whole evening. Neither did anyone else.

Jeff, Farmouth

I was late for school one morning, and I had to run all the way. I got to my first class a few minutes late and out of breath. After a while, I noticed that some of my classmates were staring at me and there were loud gasps from the rest of the people. The teacher was getting annoyed because he hates interruptions. My friend Sam behind me was laughing. I looked under my desk because people seemed to be laughing at the lower part of my body, and then I saw I wasn't wearing my blue trousers! I had gone out in my pyjamas! But the worst thing is I sit across from the most annoying boy in class, and when he noticed what I was looking at, he yelled: "Daryl didn't take off his pyjamas this morning! Look!" I just wanted to die.

The teacher told me to phone my parents immediately and ask them to bring me some trousers. It was hard to stand up and walk out of the classroom. Of course, the kids made fun of me for weeks afterwards, which was really irritating.

Daryl, Birmingham

Narrative: “The most embarrassing moment in my life”. (120 – 150 words)

Setting the scene:

Where were you? What time was it? What was the weather like? Who were you with?

Development of the narrative:

What happened just before? What did you see / think? What did you do? How did you feel?

Conclusion: What happened in the end? How did you feel afterwards? How did people react?

Suggested vocabulary: embarrassed – embarrassing – embarrassment – feel uncomfortable – to go/turn red – to blush – to be ashamed/shocked – to flush with embarrassment

Remember to use linkers and linking expressions: A few weeks ago,.../ One day last summer,.../ At first....., but then .../ While / Suddenly, .../ Although .../ Later, .../ After a while, .../ In the end,