

Write An account of a true event

A. Read the account and answer the questions.

1. When and where did the event take place?
2. How did the writer feel during and at the end of the experience?
3. Which tenses does the writer use?
4. Which linking words / phrases does the writer use?
5. How does the writer manage to make the account exciting?

It was the third day of a marvellous holiday I was having on the island of Penang in Malaysia. The hotel was enormous, which meant the swimming pool was crowded every day. I had learnt to get up early and save a sun lounger by leaving my towel on it. After that, I was usually starving, so I enjoyed a delicious breakfast in the hotel restaurant. Later, I'd go down to the pool and enjoy a swim.

But on that day, as I approached the sun lounger, I was astonished to see my towel on the floor and a teenage boy on the lounger. I was furious, so I picked up my filthy towel, waved it at him and said, 'What's this?' He replied that it was a towel. I explained that it was my towel and he just smiled and said, 'Maybe the



wind blew it off! This boy was driving me up the wall! I shouted so that everyone could hear. 'It's very rude to steal someone's sun lounger, you know!' Then I turned round to leave. But as I turned, I slipped and fell into the pool!

Everyone thought it was hilarious, especially the boy on the sun lounger. I just wanted the ground to open up and swallow me!



B. Read the account again and find words that mean:

1. very nice (paragraph 1): _____
2. very big (paragraph 1): _____
3. very hungry (paragraph 1): _____
4. very tasty (paragraph 1): _____
5. very surprised (paragraph 2): _____
6. very angry (paragraph 2): _____
7. very dirty (paragraph 2): _____
8. very funny (paragraph 3): _____

C. Replace the 'strong' adjectives in the sentences below with **very** and the adjectives in the box.

bad tired cold small pleased interesting

1. We stayed at a **tiny** cottage in the woods.
2. I found the cruise down the river **fascinating**.
3. Tina had forgotten to bring her gloves and her hands were **freezing**.
4. We were **exhausted** after walking to the top of the hill.
5. Mr and Mrs Right were **delighted** to win a holiday to Thailand.
6. We wanted to go swimming but the weather was **dreadful**.

D. Think about a funny, embarrassing, scary or annoying experience that you have had and write about it.



When writing **an account of a true event**,

- follow the plan for writing a story (page 33).
- use the first person (*I, We*).
- divide your account into paragraphs.
- use Past Tenses and linking words / phrases.
- try to make it interesting for the reader by using:
 - Direct Speech, questions and exclamation marks.
 - adverbs / adverbial phrases (e.g. suddenly, fortunately, to my surprise).
 - a variety of adjectives (e.g. **awful** instead of **bad**).
 - expressions or idioms like: *I jumped out of my skin, My heart was in my mouth*, etc.