

(26) MY STORY

ACTIVITY 1: Read the task and the example below.
What words did the writer's friend misunderstand?

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Task: Write a story about a problem that arose because of a misunderstanding or lack of communication.

I've always been really keen on swimming. About a year ago, I decided to do an exam to become a lifeguard. My dad agreed to drive me there, and we set off from home in his car.

A few minutes later, we passed a friend of mine from school. He was walking along the pavement and chatting to somebody on his phone. We stopped, and I told him I was on my way to an exam at the sports centre. 'Me too!' he replied. We offered him a lift and he accepted.

After a while, we arrived at the sports centre. At that moment, my friend started to look worried. 'Where are we?' he asked. 'This isn't the music centre!' He told us he had a piano exam at the music centre in ten minutes. Obviously, he hadn't listened properly when we'd offered him a lift!

Fortunately, my dad agreed to drive him to the music centre and they arrived just in time. Afterwards, my friend was really grateful and bought my dad a present.

ACTIVITY 2: Complete the paragraph plan with the phrases below.

LEAD UP TO MAIN EVENT	MAIN EVENT	SET THE SCENE	THE ENDING
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PARAGRAPH 1:	
PARAGRAPH 2:	
PARAGRAPH 3:	
PARAGRAPH 4:	

ACTIVITY 3: Complete the chart with Time expressions.

about a year ago a few minutes later at last
in the end later on one Saturday last month

Narrative time expressions

Non-specific time expressions for starting a narrative

1 _____ 2 _____

one day last week a while back about a month or so ago

Expressions for ordering events

3 _____ 4 _____

later at first after a while afterwards

Expressions for bringing the narrative to an end

5 _____ 6 _____

eventually finally

ACTIVITY 4: Write a story about a crime. (100 words)

You should include:

- Narrative Tenses
- Passive Voice (at least one)
- Crime Vocabulary
- Time expressions