

Writing - Stories

The introduction sets the scene:

- place
- time
- character(s)

The main body:

- develops a series of events
- gives vivid descriptions of the people/ places, etc.
- includes a problem / conflicting situation and a solution

The conclusion:

- Completes the story
- Describes people's reactions/feelings
- Describes the consequences of what happened

To keep in mind!

- The sequence of events is important, therefore you should use time words such as:
 - ***in the beginning, later, until, while, as soon as, in the meantime, eventually, etc***
- Avoid using simplistic vocabulary (good, bad, nice, well, etc), these will make your story sound uninteresting!
- Use more sophisticated language:
 - ***descriptive adjectives and adverbs***
 - ***a variety of verbs and tenses***

HOMEWORK:

We are looking for stories for our magazine for teenagers.
Your story must begin with this sentence:

It was a trip I'll never forget.

Your story must include:

- **a surprise**
- **a group of people**

Write your story in **140 – 190 words** in an appropriate style.

UPGRADE YOUR VOCABULARY!

Replace the simple words in the following fragments with more sophisticated vocabulary. Choose suitable words from the ones given below.

absolutely, enormous, horrible, massive, thoroughly, gigantic, tiny, disgusting, huge (x 2)

A. The 1) big _____ old castle stood at the top of a(n) 2) big _____ mountain in the middle of a(n) 3) big _____ forest. I was 4) very _____ terrified as I approached and jumped with fright when I heard a(n) 5) bad _____ scream from the direction of the castle. My heart was in my mouth as I knocked on the 6) big _____ front door, and the sound of 7) small _____ scurrying feet behind the door made me imagine 8) big _____, 9) bad _____ rats running away to hide. I wanted to run away, too, but I was 10) very _____ exhausted, and had to find somewhere to sleep for the night.

absolutely, delightful, horrible, superb, terrific, extremely, tiny, huge, wonderful, terrible

B. It was a(n) 1) nice _____ evening, and after a(n) 2) nice _____ sunset the stars were a million 3) small _____ points of light in the sky. "A(n) 4) nice _____ end to a(n) 5) very _____ 6) nice _____ day," Brian thought to himself; and after the 7) bad _____ week which had just passed, he was 8) very _____ pleased to breathe a(n) 9) big _____ sigh of relief and put the 10) bad _____ memories behind him.