

A story

- 1 **SPEAKING** Look at this story title. What do you think happens in the story?

Wax museum surprises fans!

- 2 Read the story and check your answer in 1.



Last summer, when I was on holiday in New York with my family, we visited Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in Times Square. My sister and I were really excited because lots of our favourite stars are there.

We were staying on the other side of the city, but we got up early and travelled by underground to Times Square. When we arrived at the museum, lots of people were waiting to get in. Luckily, we had special tickets so we didn't have to queue and we went straight in.

First we took selfies with Ed Sheeran and Lady Gaga – she moves her eyes which was quite a surprise. Then we heard there was a new exhibition of the TV series, *Stranger Things*. My sister and I were taking photos in front of the actors, when suddenly, one of the characters moved. We both jumped and screamed. Then we realised they were the real actors!

In the end, we laughed, chatted to them and got their autographs. It was an amazing experience that was a complete surprise. It made our visit even more special.

- 3 **Underline** the verbs in the story. What three tenses do you use?

- 4 Tick (✓) the words and expressions in the Writing bank which appear in the story.

Writing bank

Words and expressions of time

- After that,
- First,
- One day, I was ...
- In 2019,
- In the end,
- Next,
- Finally,
- The following year,
- Last summer,
- Suddenly,
- Then,
- Two months ago,
- Two years later,
- When (I was 12/the play started),

Exam tip

Is it a good idea or a bad idea to plan and write notes during an exam, before you write a story? Why/Why not?

- 5 Think of a time when something happy, sad, interesting or surprising happened to you. Copy this table and make notes for your story.

Title:

Paragraph 1
When did the story happen?
Where? Who were you with?

Paragraph 2
What were you doing?
What happened first?

Paragraph 3
What happened next?
And then?

Paragraph 4
What happened in the end?
What were the results of the event?

Practice makes perfect

- 6a Look at the task below and write your story. Use your notes in 5, the story in 2 and the Writing bank to help you. Don't forget to use the past simple and past continuous. Give your story a title.

Write a story about when something happy, sad, interesting or surprising happened to you.

- 6b When you finish writing your story, use the Writing bank on page 4 to check it.