6.7 Writing

A narrative

1 Read the story and answer the questions.

1 Where was Liz on holiday?

2 What was the weather like?

3 What went wrong on the journey?

4 What happened in the end?

5 Why was the journey disappointing?



A disappointing journey

Liz Lambert

It was spring and I was on holiday in Greece.

The sun was shining and I was happy. I remember I was at a port watching the boats come and go.

I decided to take a ferry to Kefalonia, a beautiful Greek island. While we were sailing, I saw an island in the distance. Ten minutes later, we arrived there. Then I got off the boat with one other person. Next, I walked to some old buildings and some shops. Suddenly, I realised I was alone.

After an hour I met someone who explained that I was in Ithaki, not Kefalonia! He said there was a boat in thirty minutes, the last boat for the day. Twenty minutes later, I got on the boat back to the mainland. In the end, I never saw Kefalonia.

It was a truly disappointing journey!

2 Match sentences a–d with narrative sections 1–4.

1 [d] Write when and where the event happened

2 [ ] Describe the scene

3 [ ] Describe the action

4 [ ] Write what happened in the end

a In the end, I never saw Kefalonia.

b The sun was shining and I was happy.

c Suddenly, I realised I was alone.

d ~~It was spring and I was on holiday in Greece.~~

3 Choose the correct option.

[1]*When* / *Then* I was cycling home, I saw a big car stop outside my school. I stopped to have a look. [2]*When / Then* a man got out of the car. I knew he was famous. [3]*Next / A minute later* he was talking to the head teacher in the school yard. [4]*Suddenly / While,* he turned around and said, 'Hi.' It was the singer Sam Smith! He was visiting his old school. I took a selfie with him. The [5]*next day / after* I showed everyone the photo.



WRITING TIME

4 Write a narrative with the title: *A really bad day.*

1 Find ideas

Make notes for a narrative.

- Where and when did the story happen?
- What was happening when the story began?
- What happened?
- How did it end?

2 Plan and write

- Organise your ideas into paragraphs. Use Liz's story to help you.
- Write a draft narrative.

3 Check

- Check language: did you use linkers to connect your sentences?
- Check grammar: did you use the Past Simple and the Past Continuous?
- Write the final version of your narrative.

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