

1 Read the tips for writing a story. Tick the useful advice.

- 1 Set the scene by introducing who is in the story and where they are.
- 2 Include at least three main characters.
- 3 Use different past tenses and structures in the story.
- 4 Use adjectives, adverbs and phrases to make the story interesting.
- 5 Use linkers and time expressions to show the order of events.
- 6 Try not to repeat the same words.
- 7 Write a happy ending.
- 8 Write four paragraphs.

2 Match suitable parts of useful phrases for writing a story. There are two extra endings.

It was four years
 1 What a
 2 I'll never
 3 It was a few
 4 It was a lovely day
 5 What
 6 Meeting my husband was
 a years later when ...
 b in trouble
 c a surprise!
 d nightmare!
 e forget ...
 f going on?
 g for a walk ...
 h an event I'll never forget.
 i ago when ...

3 Read the story **Hitting the Jackpot** below. Complete gaps 1–3 with a suitable phrase from Exercise 2.

4 Read the story again. Choose the correct words.

5 Read the story **Lost in New York** below. Cross out one incorrect word in each underlined sentence a–g. Then write the correct word.

6 Complete the story with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

BLOG

Lost in
New
York

when

I was 14 years old while I got lost in New York. I was (be) on a school trip and on the last day we went to a museum before our flight home. We 1 _____ (travel) by city bus when I 2 _____ (begin) to feel sleepy.

*All of the sudden, someone 3 _____ (start) shaking me. I was the only person left on the bus. 'What was going up? I slowly realised I was lost. 'I have to saying I was scared. I 4 _____ (not/have) any money and my phone was dying. 'I was by trouble.

While I 5 _____ (think) what to do, I 6 _____ (see) a woman. She was wearing a pilot's uniform. 'Lucky, she helped me. 'She was incredible kind and told me how to get to the airport and even gave me ten dollars for the ticket.

When I finally 7 _____ (get) on the plane, the pilot 8 _____ (make) an announcement. I recognised her voice immediately. It was the woman from the bus. She 9 _____ (invite) me to the front of the plane and 10 _____ (explain) how everything worked. 'I'll always forget the day I travelled with the pilot.

Hitting the JACKPOT*



It was four years ago when my luck started to change. I was walking home from work when a man rushed out of a newsagent's and jumped on a bus. *Unfortunately / Incredibly, a small piece of paper fell from his pocket.

It was a lottery ticket. I put it in my bag and forgot all about it until a few weeks later when I found it again in my handbag. I checked the ticket. 1 _____ It wasn't the winning ticket, but it won a small amount of money.

^bAnyhow / I must admit I thought about taking the money, but I decided to keep the ticket for good luck instead.

^cActually / While, my luck did change after that.

2 _____ I met my husband, Paul. On our wedding day, he said he felt like the luckiest man alive. At that moment, I decided to tell him the story of my lottery ticket to show him I was lucky too. ^dThen / Unfortunately Paul started to laugh. 3 _____ the next thing he told me. He used to play the lottery and the numbers on the ticket were his lucky numbers. ^eDuring / Suddenly I knew who he was. It was Paul who dropped the ticket. I couldn't believe it! We weren't rich, but we were very happy ^fanyway / luckily.

* Hit the Jackpot – to be very successful or lucky

