

FCE SHORT STORY: EMOTIONS

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story for a collection called "Lessons from Nature."

Your story must begin with this sentence: "When the sun came up, everything felt different."

Your story must include: *animal characters *a healthy way to handle a specific emotion (sadness, loneliness, disappointment, grief, anger, frustration, impatience, fear, worry, anxiety, insecurity, embarrassment, guilt, regret, jealousy, envy, boredom)

Write your story in 140–190 words.

Read the story below and think of which sentence (A–G) best fits each gap. There are **two extra sentences** you do not need to use.

Cami and the Race

When the sun came up, everything felt different. Cami, the capybara, didn't feel like joining her friends that morning. They were all excited about the swimming race, but she still remembered losing last year. The memory made her chest feel heavy, and she wished she could just stay alone for a while. (1) _____

She sat near the riverbank, pretending to be busy while everyone laughed and practiced. Her best friend, Leo the turtle, noticed and swam closer. "You're not scared of losing again, are you?" he asked kindly. Cami looked away. "Maybe I am. It was so embarrassing," she whispered. (2) _____

Leo smiled and said, "It's okay to feel bad, but hiding won't help. Why don't we practice together?" Cami hesitated but finally agreed. (3) _____

When the race began, Cami didn't think about winning anymore, just doing her best. (4) _____. That evening, she hadn't beaten her friends, but she had beaten her fear, and that made her proud. (5) _____

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- A. She didn't want anyone to see that she was close to tears.
 - B. From that moment, she knew it would be better to just give up.
 - C. The crowd cheered as she crossed the finish line with a big smile.
 - D. Little by little, she started to enjoy the cool water again, laughing when Leo accidentally splashed her.
 - E. Deep down, she knew that running away from her feelings wouldn't make them disappear.
 - F. Even though she was tired, she felt lighter than she had in days.
 - G. It seemed unfair that her friends could be so confident while she felt so unsure.