(15) WRITING A STORY

ACTIVITY 1: STRUCTURE. Look at the structure and write your ideas for the different parts.

Beginning *First sentence + some additional information*	_____
Development *One or two paragraphs with a description of what happened in the story.*	_____ _____ _____ _____
Ending *Some kind of short conclusion. Ending of the story.*	_____ _____

ACTIVITY 2: BEGINNING. You are going to write a story beginning with this sentence. Think about the situation. Add one more sentence referring to the context and character. Use Past Continuous.

Tom was watching TV at home when he heard a noise upstairs.

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ACTIVITY 3: DEVELOPMENT. This is the most important part, where the main events happen.

It is really important that the events that you write **are in a logical order** and that the language you use is interesting and correct.

Do the following exercises and then use the words highlighted in two paragraphs of your own to continue your story.

PAST TENSES (QUICK REVIEW)

As soon as Lou got off the plane he (LEAVE) _____ the airport and (TAKE) _____ a taxi to the city centre because he really (WANT) _____ to swim in the clear water and sunbathe on the beautiful beach he (SEE) _____ earlier.

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TIME EXPRESSIONS. Complete with: *FIVE MINUTES LATER - IMMEDIATELY - WHEN - AS SOON AS - WHILE - SUDDENLY -*

However, _____ he arrived at the beach he saw that the weather was changing and _____ it was raining heavily. _____, Lou ran into a bar and was surprised because someone shouted, "Hi, it's you again!"

LINKING WORDS: *AND - SO - BUT - BECAUSE - OR - LIKE - AS - ESPECIALLY -*

Three little pigs set out to build homes: one of straw, another of sticks, _____ the third of bricks. The big bad wolf blew down the straw _____ stick houses because they were weak. _____ the brick house stood strong, _____ because it was well-built. _____, the pigs were safe.

ACTIVITY 4: THE ENDING.

You can give your story a surprising ending or something funny but don't feel too much pressure to do anything spectacular **just make sure that the story ends.**

Now write your story beginning with the words: (100 words)

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The story must include a crime, all the Narrative Tenses seen, modals of certainty or speculation and a Conditional Sentence Type 3.

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