

## WRITING FOCUS

### A story

- Set the scene:

I <sup>1</sup>was twelve years old when ...

It was late in the evening when ...

It <sup>2</sup>was a lovely day for a walk.

I was in the classroom when ...

- Use questions, short dramatic sentences and occasional exclamation marks to show surprise or excitement:

What was <sup>3</sup>going on?

What a <sup>4</sup>surprise!

What a nightmare!

It was <sup>5</sup>awesome!

We were in trouble.

- Use adverbs to add interest:

All of a sudden, / <sup>6</sup>Unfortunately/Suddenly , /

<sup>7</sup>Unfortunately/Suddenly , / Luckily,

... really (good)

... incredibly (beautiful)

... completely (lost)

- Use a summarising statement to begin or end your story:

I'll never forget <sup>8</sup>the day I first saw ... /

the time I decided to ... / when I first went ... /

... was an event I'll never forget.

