

When Writing a Story.....

The Title or The Beginning or The End of the story is presented in the topic.

Introduction: Set the scene explaining where and when your story happened and who took part in it. Answer questions concerning when/who/where/why and try to grab the reader's attention.

Main body: Tell your story in chronological order. Reach the climax and present the steps leading to its resolution.

Conclusion: Say how your story finally ended and how the people felt about it. Also, you can talk about the moral of the story.

Key words:

First,
Suddenly, / all of a sudden,
When
While
As soon as
Then
Before
After / afterwards,
Until
In the end/ beginning,
In conclusion,
After all this,

Advice:

1. Use Past tenses and time words to connect the different events taking place in your story.
2. Describe everything in detail (people, weather, places, feelings etc) = Use Adjectives (excited, exhausted, tired, surprised, nervous, upset, angry, happy, relieved, sad, confused etc) and Adverbs (luckily, (un)fortunately, beautifully, immediately etc). In this way your story becomes more lively and interesting.
3. Use short dialogues to upgrade your narration.

PLAN**TITLE**

Try to catch the reader's attention.

OPENING

State who / what you are describing. Use structures and vocabulary to interest the reader in your topic.

BODY

Give the characteristics of the person / place being described. Include details that will make your subject come alive.

CLOSING

Summarise the main features and qualities.
Mention your feelings and opinions about the person or place.

1. Describing People and Places

USEFUL PHRASES**PEOPLE**

curly hair
dark complexion
good sense of humour
(im)mature
outgoing
(im)patient

plump
skinny
shoulder-length hair
slim
sympathetic listener
well built

USEFUL PHRASES**PLACES**

antique shops
beautiful architecture
busy harbour

historical monuments
lakes and mountains
spectacular views

USEFUL PHRASES**THINGS TO DO**

buy souvenirs
eat in open-air restaurants
go sightseeing

go skiing
stroll around
try water sports

USEFUL PHRASES**ADJECTIVES**

adequate
admirable
attractive
bright
busy
charming
cheerful
comfortable
considerate
convenient
cosy
cute

dedicated
easy-going
efficient
fabulous
fascinating
friendly
generous
gorgeous
helpful
interesting
lovely

picturesque
pleasant
quiet
reasonable
reserved
satisfactory
suitable
terrific
warm
welcoming
wonderful

PLAN**TITLE**

Try to catch the reader's attention.

OPENING

Write an opening sentence that will interest your reader in your topic.

Give your opinion or state the question.

BODY

State several reasons / suggestions with examples.

CLOSING

Refer back to your opening (but don't repeat it).

Restate your opinion in the summary.

2. Giving your Opinion

USEFUL PHRASES**STATING YOUR OPINION**

In my opinion, ...

In my view, ...

For me, / Personally, ...

As I see it, ...

I believe / think ...

Personally, I think ...

It seems to me that ...

I am in favour of ...

I am against ...

As far as I'm concerned ...

USEFUL PHRASES**GIVING EXAMPLES**

For example, / For instance, ...

There should / could ...

One solution / idea ... Another solution / idea ...

USEFUL PHRASES**CONCLUDING**

In conclusion, ...

To sum up, ...

All in all, ...

STORIES

PLAN**BEGINNING**

Set the scene and introduce the characters.

MIDDLE

Narrate the events leading to the climax.

END

Tell the climax of the story. / Resolve the conflict.

Talk about your characters' feelings.

General

USEFUL PHRASES**TIME EXPRESSIONS**

In the beginning ...

At first, ...

As soon as / When / The moment that ...

Before long, / After a while, ...

After / Before ...

Afterwards / Much later, ...

In the end, / Eventually, ...

At that time / point, ...

A little bit later, ...

in a flash / without warning

suddenly / all of a sudden

USEFUL PHRASES**ADVERBS**

anxiously

bravely

coincidentally

eagerly

eventually

excitedly

gradually

immediately

luckily

mysteriously

nervously

patiently

quietly

steadily

strangely

surprisingly

USEFUL PHRASES**VERBS**

bend down

burst into

climb

cry

dash

demand

exclaim

grab

grumble

promise

shrug

struggle

wander

whisper

yell