

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	plump
dark complexion	skinny
good sense of humour	shoulder-length hair
(im)mature	slim
outgoing	sympathetic listener
(im)patient	well built

USEFUL PHRASES ➤ **PLACES**

antique shops	historical monuments
beautiful architecture	lakes and mountains
busy harbour	spectacular views

USEFUL PHRASES ➤ **THINGS TO DO**

buy souvenirs	go skiing
eat in open-air restaurants	stroll around
go sightseeing	try water sports

USEFUL PHRASES ➤ **ADJECTIVES**

adequate	dedicated	picturesque
admirable	easy-going	pleasant
attractive	efficient	quiet
bright	fabulous	reasonable
busy	fascinating	reserved
charming	friendly	satisfactory
cheerful	generous	suitable
comfortable	gorgeous	terrific
considerate	helpful	warm
convenient	interesting	welcoming
cosy	lovely	wonderful
cute		

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**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