

A story • 6

- 1 Read the task. Underline the key words and answer the questions.

An international teen magazine wants its readers to send in stories entitled *A trip to remember*. Write your story (80-100 words).

- 1 What are you going to write?
- 2 Who is going to read it?
- 3 What is it going to be about?
- 4 How many words are you going to write?

Model analysis

- 2 Read the story and match paragraphs A-C to the descriptions (1-3).

A Last August, Ursula and her mum were walking up a mountain in Italy. It was warm, but cloudy. Ursula felt happy to be outdoors.

B They were close to the top when suddenly it started to rain. Soon, the path was covered in water. It was very hard to walk on, and Ursula was scared that they might fall. Luckily, the rain stopped and soon they were able to carry on.

C A short while later, they were standing at the top of the mountain. Ursula felt relieved they were safe and thrilled with the view.

- 1 ☐ what happened in the end & people's feelings
- 2 ☐ set the scene (people, place, time, activities, weather, feelings)
- 3 ☐ events leading to the main event & main event

Writing Tip Setting the scene

We start our story by setting the scene. To do so, we describe the main characters (*who*), the place (*where*), the time (*when*), the characters' activities (*what*), the weather and their feelings.

- 3 Read the model. How did the writer set the scene? Use the headings: *who* – *where* – *when* – *what* – *weather* – *feelings*.

Writing Tip Sequence words

We use appropriate linking words (*when*, *and*, *after*, *later*, *finally*, *as soon as*, *at the moment*, *while*, etc.) to show the sequence of events in a story. He entered the hotel. He saw a woman waiting for him. – When he entered the hotel, he saw a woman waiting for him.

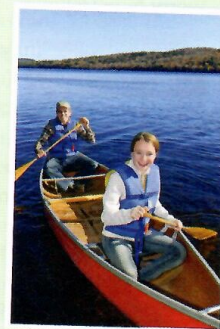
- 4 Read the extract. Choose the correct item.

It was raining 1) while/before I was waiting for the train to come. I felt really tired. 2) When/Finally it came, I got on and sat by the window. I was reading a book when, 3) later/suddenly, the train stopped. At first, I thought it had entered the station, 4) and/but then I realised something was wrong.

Your turn

- 5 Look at the picture. Use the ideas to write the first paragraph of a story.

- Kate & her dad
- last April
- canoeing on Lake Ontario, Canada
- warm • happy



- 6 Put the events in the order they happened.

- A** ☐ They made it back to shore just before the storm broke.
- B** ☐ They entered a café and watched the storm outside.
- C** ☐ They saw dark clouds in the sky.
- D** ☐ Kate and her dad were canoeing on Lake Ontario in Canada.
- E** ☐ They began to paddle back to shore.

- 7 Use your answers in Exs 5 & 6 to write your story for the magazine in Ex. 1.