

STORY

B1

General information

- Choose an interesting **title** (if none is given)
- Use (extreme) **adjectives** and **adverbs**.
- Use **narrative tenses**: past simple, past perfect, past continuous.
- Use descriptive **verbs**.

Tips

- Don't forget to **plan** your story.
- Try to include the **three** verb tenses.
- Use **descriptions**.
- Punctuation matters.
- Don't overdo direct speech.
- Avoid a dialogue format for conversations.

Useful Language

TO BEGIN

It all began... | When I first... | At the beginning... |
It was a hot/cold summer/winter day | A long time ago, ... | Once upon a time, ...

CREATING SUSPENSE

Suddenly | All of a sudden | Without warning | Just at that moment | Unexpectedly | Out of the blue |
Out of nowhere | Right away | Straight away

EXTREME ADJECTIVES

- very happy ➡ chuffed (to bits), elated, over the moon, delighted, ecstatic
- very dirty ➡ filthy
- very clean ➡ spotless
- very big ➡ huge, giant, immense, massive
- very ugly ➡ hideous
- very cold ➡ freezing, frosty, nipping
- very small ➡ tiny, microscopic, Lilliputian
- very pretty ➡ charming, gorgeous
- very hungry ➡ starving
- very scary ➡ terrifying
- very hot ➡ boiling, roasting
- very interesting ➡ fascinating

TIME PHRASES

Then | After that | Not long afterwards | As soon as |
While | Meanwhile | As | Some time later | A little later |
_____ minutes later | a moment later | Later (that morning/afternoon/day/night...) | Just then

VERBS

- look ➡ gaze, stare, glance, peer
- say ➡ whisper, cheer, mumble, mutter, complain, murmur, whine, ramble, stutter, stammer, hesitate, grunt, hum
- shout ➡ whoop, cry (out), shriek, scream, yell, bellow
- walk ➡ limp, hobble, stagger, stumble, lurch, tiptoe, stroll, amble, stalk, plod, crawl, hop, waddle

TO FINISH

In the end | Finally | When it was all over |
Eventually | After everything that happened | Luckily

Sample Layout

Title
Exposition
Action
Resolution