

Part 2 A story

Write a story beginning with these words:

Simon woke up suddenly. What was that noise he had just heard?

Write 120–180 words.

Simon woke up (5) suddenly. What was that noise he had just heard (5)? He listened carefully (3). After a while, (2) he heard the noise again. It sounded like there was someone downstairs in the kitchen! (1) (6)

He wasn't sure what to do, so first, (2) he looked around for some sort of weapon, and found his tennis racket. Then (2) he went quietly (3) out onto the landing and looked down the stairs. He couldn't see anything, so he crept slowly (3) down the stairs, stopping (5) every so often to listen again. Suddenly, there was a crashing (3) sound. 'What on earth was that?' (4) he thought worriedly. (1) (6)

He started to run down the stairs. Meanwhile, (2) the crashing started again. He threw open the kitchen door and shouted, 'Stop!'. (4) Nobody was there. But there was that terrible (3) noise again! (6) Eventually, (2) he opened a cupboard and out jumped the cat! It had got shut inside, and had been knocking over (5) packets and tins of food trying to get out. 'Silly cat!' (4) said Simon, feeling very relieved. (1)

- 1 Give your story a clear beginning, middle and end.
- 2 Use sequencing words to order the events.
- 3 Use adjectives and adverbs to make your writing more lively and interesting.
- 4 Try to use some direct and/or indirect speech.
- 5 Use a variety of narrative tenses.
- 6 Creating atmosphere and suspense will make your story more enjoyable.

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Ordering events

As soon as ...

While ...

By the time ...

First, ...

Next, ...

Then, ...

After a while, ...

Meanwhile, ...

Suddenly, ...

Eventually ...