

## WRITING 2° NI: a narrative

### The task may be something like this:

**Short story competition** You have decided to enter a short story competition.

- Your story must **end** with the words "... and he always believed in his dreams from that day on."

Your story must **begin** with the words "As soon as the woman left the restaurant, Pete saw that her phone was on the table."

### **Personal narrative**

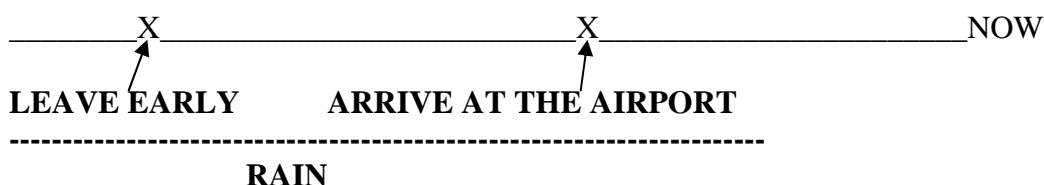
- Write a story with the following title: "The worst birthday party ever." / I'll always regret sharing a flat with ...
- Think of a time when you were very nervous: your first plane ride, your wedding, your first day at school, etc. Tell what happened and how you reacted.
- The best day of my life.

### How do we write a story?

- Introduction: 1st paragraph. Set the story: time, place, characters, situation.
- Main body: 2nd and 3rd paragraphs. Say what happened.
- Closing: 4th paragraph. Bring the story to a close and say how the characters felt and reacted.

### What tenses should you use?

- PAST SIMPLE
- PAST CONTINUOUS
- PAST PERFECT



It was raining, but we arrived at the airport on time because we had left early.

Use reported speech, and be careful with pronouns, say /tell, tense backshift and indirect questions!

### Correct the mistakes in these sentences

- \*She asked to me what was I doing.  
■ \_\_\_\_\_.
- \*He said me he is going to look for her.  
■ \_\_\_\_\_.
- \*I wondered where is he.  
■ \_\_\_\_\_.

## USEFUL ADVERBS

Complete the following.

- Unf\_\_\_\_\_, she died.
- Sur\_\_\_\_\_, they called back.
- They g\_\_\_\_\_ lost touch.
- She i\_\_\_\_\_ phoned her father.
- S\_\_\_\_\_, the lights went out.
- For\_\_\_\_\_, nobody was hurt.
- Ob\_\_\_\_\_, he was very proud of her.
- Ev\_\_\_\_\_, they found the body.

## USEFUL TIME PHRASES

Complete the following.

- **Introduction.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ there was a woman who ...
- O\_\_\_\_\_ day,      Many y\_\_\_\_\_ ago,
- **Main body**
- A f\_\_\_\_\_ days later,      A\_\_\_\_\_ a while,
- The f\_\_\_\_\_ night      Then
- **Closing**
- At l\_\_\_\_\_,      Ev\_\_\_\_\_,
- \_\_\_\_\_ the end,      F\_\_\_\_\_.

**EXTREME ADJECTIVES make your story more interesting. Match the following.**

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| ■ <i>boiling</i>    | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>funny</i> |
| ■ <i>ridiculous</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>hot</i>   |
| ■ <i>hilarious</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>bad</i>   |
| ■ <i>delighted</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>cold</i>  |
| ■ <i>freezing</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>silly</i> |
| ■ <i>dreadful</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>happy</i> |
| ■ <i>furios</i>     | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>angry</i> |

Final tip: before you start writing, make a draft.

- ✓ Write down ideas
- ✓ Write down useful vocabulary and phrases
- ✓ Organise ideas, vocabulary and phrases into paragraphs.

## **PEN TO PAPER**

Now choose one of the tasks in the first exercise and write an essay (150 words approx.).

## Key

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- **She asked me what I was doing.**
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- **He told me he was going to look for her.**
- \*I wondered where is he.
- **I wondered where he was**
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### USEFUL ADVERBS

#### Complete the following.

- Unf\_\_\_\_\_, she died. UNFORTUNATELY
- Sur \_\_\_\_\_, they called back. SURPRISINGLY
- They g\_\_\_\_\_ lost touch. GRADUALLY
- She i\_\_\_\_\_ phoned her father. IMMEDIATELY
- S\_\_\_\_\_, the lights went out. SUDDENLY
- For\_\_\_\_\_, nobody was hurt. FORTUNATELY
- Ob\_\_\_\_\_, he was very proud of her. OBVIOUSLY
- Ev\_\_\_\_\_, they found the body. EVENTUALLY

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- The f\_\_\_\_\_ night Then FOLLOWING
- **Closing**
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- \_\_\_\_\_ the end, F\_\_\_\_\_, IN, FINALLY

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