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#### UNIT 3: On ...duty

# Writing (News Reports, 1<sup>st</sup>person and 3<sup>rd</sup> person Narratives)

### <u>Task 9a</u> (H/W)

#### Instructions

- 1. Read the following:
  - According to an article published on the internet, "since the start of 2018, at least 37 law enforcement officers across the U.S. have died while on duty - with 24 of the deaths caused by gunfire. Roughly 135 cops died in 2016, making it the deadliest year for police officers in at least five years, Fox News has found. While there were fewer deaths in 2017, the numbers weren't much better: a total of 129 officers died last year. And 46 of those were caused by gunfire".



Officer Amy Caprio served with the police department for nearly four years before her death. (Baltimore County Police Department)

URL: https://www.foxnews.com/us/officers-killed-line-of-duty-2018

- 2. Do one of the following tasks:
  - a. Search for stories about people who died in the line of duty. You can use the internet (e.g., "Police Roll of Honour Trust", https://policememorial.org.uk/), in the newspaper headlines etc.
  - b. Search for stories about ordinary people who sacrificed their lives to save others? You can search for such stories on the internet, in the newspaper headlines etc.
- 3. Report to the class.

#### <u>Task 9b 1</u>

- 1. Watch the video and study the notes:
  - News Reports: How to write a News Report.

https://youtu.be/8 NmVtnEEA8?t=4

#### News Reports

News reports are short pieces of writing about current events which are of interest to the public (e.g. natural disasters, accidents, political or sports

events, social events etc). They are formal and impersonal in style and they present facts accurately, objectively and unemotionally. Therefore, they do not include feelings or chatty descriptions unless these are part of someone's comments quoted in direct speech.

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Introduction

Main Body

Conclusion

developments

**Final Paragraph** 

Paragraph 1 summary of the event – what/who/when/where

Paragraphs 2, 3, 4 \*

description and detailed

information about event, people involved, etc

comments and/or actions to be taken and/or future

\* The number of main body paragraphs may vary

depending on the rubric.

news report should consist of:

a) a short, eye-catching headline;

**b)** an **introduction** which summarises the event, giving information about the time, place and people involved;

c) a main body consisting of two or more paragraphs in which the event is described in detail, including information about incidents and the people involved; and

**d)** a **conclusion** which includes people's comments on the event, action(s) to be taken and/or future developments.

News reports are found in newspapers, magazines, etc. You normally use **past tenses**, the **passive** and appropriate **reporting verbs** in this type of writing.

### HEADLINES

A **headline** is a short summary of what the report is about. To write a headline:

- use the **present simple** for **recent events**: FACTORY EXPLOSION **DAMAGES** TOWN (=has damaged/damaged)
- use to-infinitive to describe a future event: LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM TO FLY TO ITALY FOR CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE (= is going to fly)
- use **to be + past participle** when using the passive voice to describe a future event:

TEACHERS' ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN AUGUST (= is going to be held)

- use abbreviations like UK, USA, UNESCO UN RESCUES HOSTAGES IN SIERRA LEONE
- omit full stops or commas, articles, pronouns, auxiliary verbs and words easily understood from context: SEVEN INJURED IN TRAIN CRASH (= Seven people were injured in a train crash.)
- omit the verb "to be" when using the passive to describe a past event: YOUNG GIRL **SAVED** BY RESCUE WORKERS (= was saved)

#### ORGANISATION

News reports, like narratives, describe events that happened in the past. However, the style is different. When writing a report you should:

- begin with a summary of the event
- include accurate facts
- use formal and impersonal style
- use the passive

• use direct speech to quote what people have said and reported speech to rephrase people's comments.

When writing a story you should:

- begin by setting the scene
- use chatty style ٠
- use short forms, colloquial expressions, variety of adjectives/adverbs
- refer to the writer's/characters' feelings. •

# First-person Narratives

First-person narratives are written in the first-person (I/we) about a series of events, real or imaginary, which happened to us. A first-person narrative should consist of:

- a) an introduction in which you set the scene (who was involved, time, place, etc) in an interesting way to make the reader want to continue reading;
- b) a main body, consisting of two or more paragraphs, where you develop your story, presenting the events in the order they happened; and
- c) a conclusion which includes what happened at the end of the story, as well as people's feelings, final comments or reactions. A surprising ending makes a long-lasting impression on the reader.

You should normally use past tenses in such pieces of writing, as well as a variety of adjectives or adverbs to make your story more attractive to the reader. Narratives can be found in articles, letters, novels, etc. To attract the reader's attention, give interesting and catchy titles to your stories, especially if they are for a magazine, newspaper, etc.



Before you start writing, your story you should decide on the plot line. i.e. the main events which make up the story. You should make sure that you write these events in the order they happened. To show the sequence of events you can use linking words such as: as soon as, while, before, first, next, then, etc.

#### PAST TENSES

You can use various past tenses in your story:

past simple, to describe actions which started 1) and ended in the past, or actions which happened one after the other in the past. e.g. I went to Paris last month. I walked past the bank and stopped at the post office to buy some stamps.

2) past continuous, to set the scene or to describe events/actions in progress at a certain time in the past. e.g. It was pouring with rain that evening. We

were all sitting in the living room.

3) past perfect, for actions which happened before other past actions, or to give the background of the story. e.g. I decided to call Mr. Jones and tell him the truth about what had happened.

# TECHNIQUES TO BEGIN YOUR STORY

An interesting beginning is as important as an interesting ending. An interesting beginning will catch the reader's attention and make him/her want to continue reading. A good ending will make him/her feel satisfied.

You can START your story by:

- a) using your senses to set the scene and describe the weather, atmosphere, surroundings or people's actions to create mystery or suspense.
  e.g. I could hear the wind howling around me. It was quite dark that night and it felt strange to be out in the wilderness all alone.
- **b) using direct speech** e.g. "Always look on the bright side of life, kids", Mr. Frisbain used to tell us.
- c) asking a rhetorical question i.e. a question that does not require an answer.

e.g. Have you ever travelled by train on a warm summer night?

- d) addressing the reader directly e.g. *I am sure you all know what a bargain is.*
- e) referring to your feelings or moods

e.g. I was exhausted because I had been painting walls all day.

### TECHNIQUES TO END YOUR STORY

You can END your story by:

a) using direct speech

e.g, "Thank you, sir," the boy said to me.

- **b)** referring to your feelings or moods e.g. We were shivering but we were happy to have made it.
- c) asking a rhetorical question
- e.g. "Why did I have to suffer so much?"
- d) describing people's reactions to/feelings about the events developed in the main body.

e.g. My brother had become the hero of the day and I was extremely proud.

# Third-person Narratives

Third-person narratives are written in the third person (he/she/they/etc.) and are real or imaginary stories about another person or other people. Like a first-person narrative, a third-person narrative should consist of:

- a) an introduction in which you set the scene (who was involved, time, place, etc.) in an interesting way to help the reader imagine the scene and want to continue reading;
- **b)** a **main body** consisting of two or more paragraphs in which you develop your story presenting the events in the order that they happened; and
- c) a conclusion in which you say what happened at the end and refer to people's feelings, final comments or reactions.



### WRITING TECHNIQUES

To make your narrative more interesting to the reader, you should:

- use a variety of adjectives or adverbs, such as imaginative, wonderful, cautiously, etc instead of simplistic ones such as nice, good, well, etc.
   e.g. Instead of: John is a good boy with nice ideas.
   you can write: John is a great boy with wonderful ideas.
- Use a variety of verbs such as wondered, screamed, whispered, etc to avoid using "said" all the time.
   e.g. Instead of: "Help!" he said.
   you can write: "Help!" he screamed.
- Use similes i.e. expressions which describe people or things by comparing them to someone or something else.
   e.g. She ran like the wind. He was as quiet as a mouse.
- Use present or past participles to join two simple sentences into one longer, more sophisticated sentence.
   e.g. Instead of: He turned on the light He saw someone in the room. you can write: Turning on the light, he saw someone in the room. Instead of: She was relieved. She left the police station.

you can write: **Relieved**, she left the police station.

# Narrative endings in general

Here are some useful ideas on how to make your writing more interesting:

arrative endings	
Circular ending	Your story circles back to the beginning. You can us the same idea or even the same sentence or exa words you used at the beginning of your writing.
Reflection ending	You step back and reflect on what has happened. Yo look back on the experience thinking about its impo- tance, its meaning for the future etc.
Surprise ending	Something unexpected or exciting happened in the er - it can be a twist ending!
Moral ending	You show what we can learn from the story - how th main character has changed or grown at the end, as result of the experience he had!
Capturing emotion ending	You make the reader feel emotional/touched at the er of your story! Talk to your readers' heart!
Question ending	You end your story with a question to keep your read thinking.
Cliffhanger	You manage to make your readers "hanging" or wantin more! What happens next?
Dialogue ending	Your story ends with a conversation between your char acters, captivating your readers, making the scene rea istic and stirring the readers' emotions.
Funny ending	If you manage to make the readers laugh at the en your story will be memorable!

# PRACTICE<sup>1</sup>

### A. News Report Model

Read the rubric and underline the key words, then answer the questions.

You work for The Bridgeton Herald and have been asked to write a news report about a young child who received an award for bravery. Include details about the reason the award was given and information about the prize-giving ceremony.

- 1. Who is going to read your report?
  - a. your school friends
  - b. readers of the newspaper you work for
- 2. Which of the following should your article not be about? Give reasons.
  - a. a man who saved a child from drowning
  - b. a boy who risked his own life to save his father
  - c. a woman who stopped a bank robbery from taking place
- 3. Which of the following must you include in your article? Tick ( $\sqrt{}$ ).
  - A when and where the award ceremony took place
  - B a description of the young child's appearance
  - C why the award was presented
  - D the weather on the day of the ceremony
- 4. In which paragraph of your report should you give a brief summary of the event?
- 5. In which paragraph should you include people's comments on the event?
- 6. Should you use short forms? Colloquial language? Chatty descriptions? If so, where in your report should you use them?
- 7. Read the news report below and label the paragraphs with the correct headings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> V. Evance, Successful Writing Intermediate, 2000, Express Publishing



#### 8.

- a. Underline the verbs in the passive.
- b. Which reporting verbs have been used in the report?
- In which paragraph(s) are they? Justify your answer. c.
- 9.
- Read the report again and use words from the list to complete the phrases a. below.
- b. Then, talk about what happened to Thomas Dakin as in the example.

	presented, risked, came,
	rescue, owed, trapped,
	bravery, informal, saved,
	attended, stayed
1	was presented with an award
2	award for
3	the decision
4	his father's life
5	his own life
6	under a boulder
7	by his side
8	team
9	lunch
10	the event was
11	his life
e.g.	Thomas was presented with an award by
	the mayor.

10. Change the sentences into headlines, as in the example.

A bomb was found on a train which was heading for London yesterday morning. Bomb found on train heading for London
A sixty-year-old man has been shot by some car thieves.
A team of local climbers reached the top of Mount Everest at three o'clock yesterday afternoon.
This has been a brilliant season for Manchester United football club.
A young girl rescued her brother from some kidnappers.

(Present the theory and the paragraph plan. Then, read the rubric aloud and explain/elicit the meaning of any unknown words. Allow Ss two or three mins. to underline the key words and answer the questions. Check Ss' answers.)

Key words: news report - young child - received award - bravery - reason award given information about prize-giving ceremony

- 1 B
- 2 A, C because the rubric states that it was a young child who received an award for bravery
- 3 A, C
- 4 paragraph 1
- 5 the final paragraph
- 6 Short forms and colloquial language may be used in the final paragraph, if they are part of sb's comments in direct speech. Chatty descriptions should not be used.
- a) (Check that Ss understand the headings, then allow Ss two or three mins. to skim the article and label the paragraphs. Check Ss' answers. Finally, ask individual Ss to read the news report aloud.)
  - Para 2: reason for award Para 3: description of ceremony Para 4: people's comments

#### b) (verbs in the passive to be underlined)

was presented (para 1) was trapped (para 2) was followed (para 3) was attended (para 3) had been recognised (para 4)

C)	2	bravery	7	stayed
	3	came	8	rescue
	4	saved	9	informal
	5	risked	10	attended
	6	trapped	11	owed

(Ss' own answers)

- (Present the theory on headlines, then help Ss to complete the task, first orally, then in writing.)
  - 2 Fans injured at match
  - 3 Sixty-year-old man shot by car thieves
  - 4 Climbers reach top of Everest
  - 5 Brilliant season for Manchester United
  - 6 Young girl rescues brother from kidnappers

#### B. First-Person Narratives Model

Read the rubric and underline the key words, then answer the questions.

A local newspaper is holding a story competition and you have decided to enter. Your story should start with: "I stood on the deck staring at the huge waves." Write your **story** for the competition.

- 1. Who is going to read your story?
- 2. Who should your story be about?
  - a. your brother
  - b. yourself
- 3. What should your story be about?
  - a. a boat trip
  - b. a train accident
  - c. a warm summer's day in the mountains
- 4. Look at the picture, read the story below and answer the questions.
  - a. Where did the story take place: on a ship? on a train?
  - b. What was the weather like: cold and windy? warm and sunny?
  - c. What do you think the problem was: a hijacking? a fire in the engine room?
  - d. What happened in the end: the ship reached the port? the ship sank?
  - e. Which of the following can you find on a ship? Tick (√) deck (√), bedroom \_\_\_\_\_, loudspeakers \_\_\_\_\_, engine room \_\_\_\_\_, platform \_\_\_\_\_, lifeboat station \_\_\_\_\_, cabin \_\_\_\_\_, sitting room \_\_\_\_\_, lifejackets \_\_\_\_\_, bus station \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Read the story again and underline the correct tenses. Then, label the paragraphs with the following headings.



6. Read the story once more and number the events in the order in which they happened. Then, use the list to retell the story as if it happened to you.

A	] We were asked to go to the nearest lifeboat station.
B	We put on lifejackets.
C 2	] A fire started in the engine
	room.
D	] The ship slowed.
E	We reached port.
F	] We went to the lifeboats.
G	] The engines stopped.
H 1	] The ferry left port.
I	] The engines started again.

7. Go back to the text and fill in the correct adjectives, then make sentences using the completed collocations.

1	waves
2	clouds
3	sea
4	boat
5	ground

2 (Present the theory and the paragraph plan. Help Ss to identify the key words in the rubric, then elicit answers to the questions.)

**Key words:** local newspaper – story competition – story should start with: "I stood on the deck staring at the huge waves"

1 Readers of a local newspaper

- 2 B 3 A
- 3 a) (Allow Ss two to three mins. to look at the picture and complete the task. Explain/Elicit the meaning of any unknown vocabulary, then ask individual Ss to read their answers aloud.)
  - 1 on a ship
  - 2 cold and windy
  - 3 a fire in the engine room
  - 4 the ship reached the port
  - 5 loudspeakers engine room lifeboat station cabin lifejackets
- b) (Allow Ss five or six mins. to read the text and underline the correct tenses. Elicit suitable answers, helping Ss where necessary. Explain/ Elicit the meaning of any words from the story which Ss still do not understand, then ask individual Ss to read aloud from the text including their answers. Then, give Ss about two mins. to label the paragraphs.)

	had left	5	ran		announced
2	stopped	6	showed	10	cheered
3	slowed	7	looked	11	moved
4	told	8	passed	12	was standing

Para 1: setting the scene Paras 2 - 4: development of story Para 5: end of story, feelings

c) (Allow Ss about four mins. to read the text again and number the events in the correct order. Check Ss' answers. Then, help Ss to tell the story orally in the first person.) 5 C 2 E 9 G 3 18 А 7 F 6 В D 4 H 1 d) (Allow Ss about three mins. to fill in the correct adjectives. Check Ss' answers, then help individual Ss to make appropriate sentences.) huge 3 rough 5 solid 1 2 dark 4 tiny (Ss' own answers)

#### C. Third-Person Narratives Model

Read the rubric and underline the key words, then answer the questions.

A popular magazine has announced a short story competition. The story must begin with the words: "Are you sure it's safe?" Josh asked his friend. Write your **story** for the competition.

- 1. Who is going to read your story?
- 2. Which of the following character(s) should your story be about?
  - a. you and your friend, Josh
  - b. a man/boy called Josh and his friend
- 3. What should your story be about?
  - a. Josh's parents
  - b. an accident that happened to Josh and his firend
  - c. Josh's autobiography
- 4. What should the first sentence of your story be?
- 5. Look at the picture and answer the questions.



6. Read the story and find out what happened to Josh in the end. Then, label the paragraphs with the headings below. Finally, number the events in the plot line in the order they happened.

	end of story, feelings and comments     estting     development of story	b	A 3 B	One of the ropes snapped. Marty grabbed Josh.
Main Body Introduction	"Are you sure it's safe?" Josh asked his friend Marty, who was just about to step onto the little rope bridge. Josh looked down at the river far beneath them and swallowed hard. Unfortunately, it was the only way to reach the other side, so he knew they had to get across before it began to get dark. "Look, it's as safe as houses," said Marty confidently as he put his foot onto the bridge. Once Marty was safely on the other side, Josh began to cross. The little bridge creaked under his weight, making him even more nervous than he already was. He was almost half way across the bridge when suddenly one of the ropes snapped. Josh screamed as the bridge fell to one side, leaving him freified, he clung to the other rope. "Keep calm! Hold on!" Marty called to him. Josh looked across to where his friend stood. Slowly, hand over hand, Josh moved carefully along the rope until he was close enough for Marty to grab him.	Para 1		Josh started to cross the rope bridge. Marty crossed the bridge safely. Josh clung to the other rope. Marty and Josh walked away from the bridge. Josh moved carefully along the rope. c) Choose the best title for the story. An Underwater Adventure An Accident in the Air
Conclusion	Safely on the other side, Josh lay panting on the ground. He felt exhausted, but he was glad to be alive. Marty asked him if he felt he could go on. "Yes, I'm okay," he replied bravely. "We'd better go. It will be dark soon". They both set off, leaving the bridge and the terrifying incident behind them.	Para 4	c	A Nasty Experience
		ra		

7. The following adjectives and adverbs can be used instead of other simplistic ones. Put them in the correct box, as in the example.

> slight, great, evil, highly, happily, massive, delightful, extremely, successfully, horrible, miniature, tiny, remarkably, gigantic, satisfactorily, absolutely, fabulous, pleasant, huge, terrific, terrible, wicked, enormous, attractive

BIG		
SMALL	slight	
BAD		
GOOD/NICE		
VERY		
WELL		

2	(Present the theory and the paragraph plan. Then read the rubric and the questions aloud. Elicit the key words to be underlined. Check Ss' answers.)	a) (Present the theory on adjectives and adverbs. Explain/Elicit the meaning of any unknown vocabulary, then allow Ss four or five mins. to complete the task. Check Ss' answers.)
	<ul> <li>Key words: popular magazine – short story competition – must begin with – "Are you sure it's safe?" Josh asked his friend.</li> <li>1 Readers of the popular magazine.</li> <li>2 B</li> </ul>	<b>BIG:</b> (great), massive, gigantic, huge, enormous <b>SMALL:</b> miniature, tiny <b>BAD:</b> evil, horrible, terrible, wicked <b>GOOD/NICE:</b> (great), delightful, fabulous, pleasant, terrific, attractive
	<ul> <li>3 B</li> <li>4 "Are you sure it's safe?" Josh asked his friend.</li> </ul>	VERY: great, highly, extremely, remarkably, absolutely WELL: happily, successfully, satisfactorily
3	<ul> <li>a) (Allow Ss three or four mins. to look at the picture and answer the questions. Check Ss' answers.)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>1 B 2 A 3 B 4 A 5 A 6 A</li> <li>b) (Allow Ss about four mins. to read the story, label the paragraphs and number the events in order. Check Ss' answers, then ask individual Ss to</li> </ul>	
	Para 1: setting the scene Paras 2 - 3: development of story Para 4: end of story, feelings and comments	
	<ul><li>B 6 Marty grabbed Josh.</li><li>C 2 Josh started to cross the rope bridge.</li><li>D 1 Marty crossed the bridge safely.</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>E 4 Josh clung to the other rope.</li> <li>F 7 Marty and Josh walked away from the bridge.</li> <li>G 5 Josh moved carefully along the rope.</li> </ul>	
	c) A Nasty Experience	