

# Writing Practice

## How to write a narrative essay

Go through the notes below on how to write a narrative essay. This will help you to prepare for Exam Paper 3.

Once finished with the notes, do the practice topics in your jotter and language book. This activity will be done **over two days**.

### ***Remember:***

- Mind map and rough draft are written in your jotter,
- final product is written in your language book.

### **When to do it:**

- Do the jotter work on **Wednesday (6 May)**,
- do the language book 1 work on **Thursday (7 May)**.



**Write: You need to have your jotter and language book 1 in front of you.**

**Read through the notes below on how to write a good narrative essay.**

### **How to plan and write a good story**

1. Look at the topic you have been asked to write about. Give it some thought. Plan what to write, make a few notes. Jot down ideas and phrases as they come to mind.
2. Record these ideas on a mind map.
3. Write the rough draft of your story. Put all your ideas together to form a story. Do not worry about minor mistakes such as punctuation and grammar. Focus on your story instead. You can fix your mistakes later using the writing process.
4. Read through your draft and edit it. Correct all the minor mistakes. Take note of and edit the parts that you do not like, or feel are not good quality writing, or are just plain confusing.
5. Finish your masterpiece. Rewrite your work neatly.

### **While you are doing the above, think of the following points.**

- Will the story have an effect on the person reading it.
- The story could contain twists and turns and/or an unexpected ending.
- Create the characters in the story. Decide on their names.
- Write down all the characteristics of the characters.
- Remember the characters are created by you.
- Think of a problem that your characters have to get out of.
- The plot has all the events that happen in the story.
- Arrange the events in the order they take place.
- Start your story with an interesting opening sentence to “hook” the reader.
- Decide on your ending.



**Write your own narrative (story) essay.  
First in your jotter, write the story in rough and edit it in  
ORANGE.**

**When you are done, write your story neatly in blue pen in  
your language book.  
In BOTH BOOKS write the date and heading.**

### Date

### Writing - How to plan and write a good story

You and your friend have the same toy. Your friend's toy broke and he/she came to your house to see if you can help to fix the toy. You need to write a narrative (story) essay (in three paragraph) how the two of you worked together and stating if you manage to fix it or not. **Each paragraph must be 30-40 words in length.**

Include the following in your essay.

**Paragraph 1:** Describe your friend. (Who is he/she? How do you know them?)

**Paragraph 2:** Describe the toy. (What does it look like? How did it break?)

**Paragraph 3:** Explain how you and your friend fixed the toy.

Follow the correct writing process:

<u>Writing Process Checklist:</u>		
<b>JOTTER BOOK (6 May)</b>	1. Mind map (see example below).	
	2. Rough copy (3 paragraphs with 30-40 words in EACH paragraph).	
	3. Edit in <b>ORANGE</b> .	
<b>LANGUAGE BOOK 1 (7 May)</b>	4. Write the final story neatly in <b>BLUE</b> pen. The story must have 3 paragraphs.	



**Mind Map: Copy in jotter****Paragraph 1**

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**Paragraph 3**

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Heading

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**Rule off after you have completed the work in both books.  
Do not take short cuts! Work neatly and benefit from the time  
spent on this lesson.**

