STORY WRITING – PART 3

PLAN • BUILD SUSPENSE • END WITH A MESSAGE

1 UNDERSTAND THE TASK

- Read the question carefully.
- Keep the given opening sentence exactly as written.
- Underline the required points.
- Plan the beginning, problem, climax and ending.



2 THE STORY PLOT

1. EXPOSITION
Introduce characters, setting and situation.

2. RISING ACTION
A problem appears; tension builds.

3. CLIMAX
The most exciting or dangerous moment.

4. FALLING ACTION
The immediate consequences; tension eases.

5. RESOLUTION
Solve the problem; show what changed or was learned.

EXPOSITION → RISING ACTION → CLIMAX → FALLING ACTION → RESOLUTION

3 HOW TO WRITE EACH PARAGRAPH

1. **Paragraph 1 –** Start with the given sentence and introduce the setting.
2. **Paragraph 2 –** Develop the event and problem.
3. **Paragraph 3 –** Build tension using actions, thoughts and dialogue.
4. **Paragraph 4 –** Write the climax clearly and vividly.
5. **Paragraph 5 –** Resolve the problem and end with a meaningful message.

4 USEFUL STORY PHRASES

TIME
- A few moments later...
- As the hours passed...
- The next morning...

SUSPENSE
- All of a sudden...
- Without warning...
- My heart raced...

LOCATION
- Across the street...
- By the time we arrived...
- Back at home...

FEELINGS
- I felt a wave of relief...
- My hands trembled...
- I could hardly believe my eyes.

DIALOGUE
- "Are you all right?" I asked.
- "Please help me!" he cried.

5 REMEMBER!

- Show, don't just tell.
- Use past tense consistently.
- Include sensory details, feelings and realistic dialogue.
- Use paragraphs and varied transition phrases.
- Check grammar, spelling and punctuation.

EXAMPLE OPENING SENTENCE:

I never expected that a small, simple act of kindness on a rainy afternoon would...

Build a problem → reach a climax → show how kindness changes someone's life.

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