**Writing a Story**

**Parts**

**Title**: should summarise the whole story or have something to do with the main theme.

**Exposition**: beginning the story. Setting the scene (where, who, when). It is the introduction to the next part, the action, and the so-called conflict of our story.

**Action:** conflict the characters face and what they do to solve it.

**Resolution**: the conflict is resolved and the story ends, normally without any loose ends.

**Beginning a story**

When you start a story, if the first sentence isn’t given to you, you can use phrases like these:

* *It all began…*
* *When I first…*
* *At the beginning…*
* *It was a hot/cold summer/winter day.*

**Time expressions (how the story develops)**

* *Then*
* *After that*
* *Not long aftewards*
* *As soon as*
* *While*
* *Meanwhile*
* *As*
* *Some time later*
* *A little later*
* *\_\_\_\_ minutes later*
* *a moment later*
* *Later (that morning/afternoon/day/night…)*
* *Just then*

**Creating suspense**

* *Suddenly*
* *All of a sudden*
* *Without warning*
* *Just at that moment*
* *Unexpectedly*
* *Out of the blue*
* *Out of nowhere*
* *Right away*
* *Straight away*

**Direct Speech**

* *«I’m coming with you,» she said.*
* *She said, «I’m coming with you.»*

**Ending a story**

* *In the end*
* *Finally*
* *When it was all over*
* *Eventually*
* *After everything that happened*
* *Luckily*

**Verb Tenses**

* *Past simple (-ed/irregular form)*
* *Past continuous*
* *Past perfect*

**A story (online exercises)**

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/writing/upper-intermediate-b2-writing/story>