

Special Day

Today you are going to write a narrative or story.

Your story must be about a “Special Day”.

Many things make a day special.

Learning something new, travelling somewhere far, helping others, celebrating a victory, going on an adventure – can all make a day special.

Think about:

- the characters and where they are
- the complication or problem to be solved
- how the story will end.

Remember to:

- plan your story before you start
- write in sentences
- pay attention to the words you choose, your spelling and punctuation, and paragraphs
- check and edit your writing when you have finished.

Modelled example:

The Special Day

(Engaging Orientation)

It was a sunny summer’s day and I was excited! I have been waiting for this day to come for a very long time. I couldn’t sleep all night because I was thinking about all the exciting and fun things I wanted to do. What was so special about this day?

What is the purpose of an engaging orientation?

(Backstory)

It all started one week ago. I was being a little silly around the house like a little monkey. My mother became very angry with me because I was running around the house and leaving a mess everywhere. Clothing here, dirty plates there, art and craft paper everywhere. It was the school holidays and I was bored!

My mother called me to the kitchen and said, “I will allow you one wish if you improve your behaviour at home and you clean after yourself.”

What is the purpose of a backstory?

I was excited and confused. Was this a trick? Or was my mother telling the truth.

She continued, “What will your wish be?”

I stated, “I want to go to Disneyland.”

(Conflict 1)

How was I meant to behave if I was on holidays and I get easily distracted? This was going to be super hard. I felt like a caged tiger. Trying to keep all my silliness and energy inside me. For the first time in my life I felt lost.

(Resolution 1)

I decided to write a list of things I can do. I got my notebook and a pen. Although I don't have my pen licence, don't tell Mrs Kelly, but I decided to use my gold pen. This is my list:

1. Make my bed
2. Have breakfast and clean plates
3. Vacuum my room
4. Read a book
5. Holiday homework
6. Play outside

Why are conflicts and resolutions important parts of stories?

(Conflict 2)

I finished till number 2 but I didn't know how to set up a vacuum. I checked with mum but she was busy. I just didn't know how.

(Resolution 2)

And then an idea flew into my head. I searched up the model of my vacuum and the internet told me how to set it up. I found out that it was pretty easy. Connect the top with the bottom. I finished and mum was very happy.

(Conflict 3)

With the holiday homework I needed a lot of help and as you must have noticed, my mum is very busy. I'm not allowed to search this up. I'm out of solutions.

(Resolution 3)

It took me ages to find out a solution but at some point you can figure out anything. I went upstairs to my big brother and asked for help. Together we finished today's work

(Conflict 4)

I finally went outside to play but the luck I had was to find a dump of rubbish. Another thing for two. And everyone was busy. There was nothing to do but clean up the place by myself. Then an idea flew into my head.

(Resolution 4)

I found an empty bucket and started filling it with the rubbish. I dumped the bucket into the trash can and started playing.

(Meaning Conclusion)

Thinking about my wish and thinking about how I was behaving before, I think, no, I know that I was wrong. I went to my mother and said, “sorry.”

I explained to her that I did not need the wish because the only wish I wanted was for her to be happy with me.

And that was my special day!

What is the purpose of a meaningful conclusion?

Questions:

1. What was the title of this story?

2. How many conflicts and how many resolutions did the story contain?

3. Where do you find the lesson of the story?

4. What was the lesson of the story?

5. Identify three strengths of the story.

6. Identify three areas of improvement.
