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STAGE 4 · ENGLISH · WRITING PACK

Writing it yourself

A page to plan on, three things to write, and the questions to ask your own writing when you think you have finished.

WHAT IS INSIDE

- Before you write
- A page to plan on
- How a writer did it
- Task 1: Start in the middle
- Task 2: A recount
- Task 3: Dialogue
- When you think you have finished

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No answers at the back. There is nothing here to mark.

Written for a parent teaching at home. No training assumed, and nothing else to buy.

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How a writer did it

This is from your reading pack. You have already answered questions on it. Look at it now for how it is built.



Hafsa had carried the sack from the far field, and by the time she reached the gate her arms were shaking. She set it down in the shade and sat on the wall beside it.

Her grandmother came out with two cups. She did not ask why the sack was at the gate instead of in the store. She sat down, handed over a cup, and looked at the field for a while.

"I carried that same sack when I was your age," she said eventually. "I got it as far as the tree."

What it does

1. It opens with somebody already tired, in the middle of something.
2. The grandmother says almost nothing, and what she says is the point.
3. The last line is four words and carries the whole ending.

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Task 2: A recount

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A recount



Write about something that really happened, in the order it happened. Use a fronted adverbial to open at least three paragraphs.

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Task 3: Dialogue

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Dialogue



Write a conversation between two people who want different things. Punctuate the speech properly.

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SAMPLE PAGES

You have read a few pages. The pack is longer.

What you are holding is a short sample, taken from different parts of the pack so that you can see how a week is planned and what a child is actually asked to do, before you decide.

The complete pack, and the rest of the academic materials, are on our website: schemes of work for a parent teaching at home, and practice packs for the skills children get stuck on.

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Our Islamic Education classes are free. These packs are part of what pays the teachers who teach them.