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STAGE 5 · 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: Same story, two readers
- Task 2: Explain it
- Task 3: Precis
- 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.



The workshop made tiles, and it had made them the same way for ninety years. Musa had been there eleven months, which made him the newest person in the building by nine years.

His job was to grind pigment. It was not difficult work, but it was exact: too coarse and the colour went patchy in the kiln, too fine and it lost its depth. He had been shown once, on his second day, and never again.

In his seventh month he noticed that the blue came out unevenly in winter and not in summer. He said nothing for six weeks, because he assumed everybody knew and there was a reason. Then he mentioned it to the oldest glazer, who stopped what she was doing and asked him to say it again.

What it does

1. The opening gives you the workshop's age before anything else, because that is what the story is about.
2. The problem is described precisely, in numbers.
3. The last paragraph says what the story meant, which is a risk, and it works because it refuses the obvious meaning.

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Task 1: Same story, two readers

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Write the opening of a story for a six year old. Then write the same opening for somebody your own age.

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Task 3: Precis

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Precis



Take one of the passages from your reading pack and write it again in half the words, losing nothing that matters.

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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.