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STAGE 6 · 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
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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 new road was to run straight from the town to the junction, cutting eleven kilometres off a journey that had always gone round the ridge. The engineers held a meeting in the school hall and explained it with a map and a great deal of patience.

Most of the objections were the ones they had prepared for: noise, dust, the two years of works. They had answers, and the answers were reasonable.

It was Zaynab's grandmother who asked the question nobody had written down. The old road, she said, passed four villages. Everyone who drove to the junction drove through them, and some of them stopped. The shops, the tyre man, the two tea houses and the woman who sold bread at the second bend had all been there because the road was there.

What it does

1. The first paragraph gives the facts and the figure, so the argument has somewhere to stand.
2. The objection comes from the person nobody expected.
3. The ending chooses what was lost over what was gained, and that choice is the whole point of the piece.

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Task 2: Atmosphere

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Atmosphere



Describe a place twice: once so the reader feels safe in it, once so they do not. Change the details, not the place.

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Task 3: Formal and informal

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Formal and informal



Write the same piece of news twice: once as a message to a friend, once as a notice everybody will read.

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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.