

B2 First for Schools - Writing Part 2 - Story

A. Look at the story prompts. Which one would you choose to write? Why?

1. As soon as I opened the door, I knew something was wrong.
2. When I looked at my phone, I realised I had made a big mistake.
3. I picked up the bag and immediately understood it wasn't mine.

B. Upgrade the verbs. Rewrite each sentence using a story verb from the box.

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| sighed | hesitated | rushed | grabbed | marched |
| decided | escaped | whispered | stared | realised |

1. I **looked** at the message again.
2. She **ran** to the bus stop.
3. He **took** the note from my hand.
4. I **knew** something was wrong.
5. We **left** through the back door.
6. She **waited** for a moment before answering.
7. He **said**, "Don't move."
8. I **chose** to tell the truth.
9. She **walked** into the room like she owned it.
10. He **breathed out** and smiled.

C. Write the correct order (1–10) next to each sentence. The sequencing words / phrases will help.

- A. ___ **Eventually**, I explained everything to the teacher and showed her the message.
- B. ___ **As soon as** I opened my phone, I realised the screenshot was still there.
- C. ___ **At first**, I thought the message was a joke from my friend.
- D. ___ **Suddenly**, the teacher called my name and asked me to come to the front.
- E. ___ **Because of that**, I turned my screen off and tried to stay calm.
- F. ___ **Meanwhile**, my friend was waving at me from the back row, trying not to laugh.
- G. ___ **Then**, I read it again and noticed it had my name in it.
- H. ___ **After that**, I felt my face go red and my hands started shaking.
- I. ___ **A few minutes later**, the lesson began and everyone got quiet.
- J. ___ **In the end**, I learnt to check messages carefully before reacting.

D. Choose one prompt from section A and write your story (140-190 words). Use at least 5 story verbs and 5 sequencing words / phrases.

ANSWER KEY

B.

1. I stared at the message again.
2. She rushed to the bus stop.
3. He grabbed the note from my hand.
4. I realised something was wrong.
5. We escaped through the back door.
6. She hesitated for a moment before answering.
7. He whispered, "Don't move."
8. I decided to tell the truth.
9. She marched into the room like she owned it.
10. He sighed and smiled.

C.

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5. **A few minutes later**, the lesson began and everyone got quiet.
6. **Meanwhile**, my friend was waving at me from the back row, trying not to laugh.
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8. **After that**, I felt my face go red and my hands started shaking.
9. **Eventually**, I explained everything to the teacher and showed her the message.
10. **In the end**, I learnt to check messages carefully before reacting.