

Writing

TASK SIX (06)

Writing a Narrative Paragraph

Exercise 1: Identify Paragraph Elements

Read the following sample narrative paragraph. Underline the topic sentence, highlight transition words, and identify which type of organizational pattern is used.

Topic – An Act of Kindness

I will always remember my first day of junior high school because of the kindness a fellow student showed towards me. **It was a scary day** because I had gone to elementary school in a different city, so when I started junior high, I didn't know anyone at my new school. I woke up especially early that morning, and after getting ready and eating breakfast, I walked to the bus stop. Other students were there, but I didn't know them. I was too shy and nervous to introduce myself, and none of them talked to me. **When the bus came**, we all boarded. Stop after stop, the bus doors opened, more students got on, but nobody sat next to me. **We finally arrived at school**, and I looked nervously at my printed schedule. I found my first class, then went to the next, and the next. At 12:00, it was time for lunch. The outdoor tables were all full, and I couldn't bring myself to sit at a table full of students who all knew each other. **Instead**, I sat on a bench by myself and began to eat my sandwich. **Suddenly**, I noticed that another girl was sitting next to me. Her name was Mya, and she was also a new student. We talked during the entire lunch period, and **after lunch**, it turned out that we had English class together. I was so relieved to have made a new friend, and it turned out that Mya would be my good friend through junior high and high school. She is still my friend now in college. **Her small yet kind act of friendship towards me** is something I will never forget. **Now**, when I see someone alone and with no one to talk to, I always make an effort to give that person a friendly smile and start up a conversation. Answer the question.

What kind of organizational pattern is used? : Chronological

Topic sentence: "I will always remember my first day of junior high school because of the kindness a fellow student showed towards me."

Transition words: "It was a scary day", "When the bus came", "We finally arrived at school", "Instead", "Suddenly", "after lunch", "Her small yet kind act of friendship towards me", "Now"

Organizational pattern: Chronological

Exercise 2: Write Your Own Paragraph (Choose either topic one or topic 2)

1 : Write a narration about a challenging class you have taken at the university.

2 : Write a narration about a special trip or vacation you have taken.

Paragraph:

One of the most exciting vacations I have taken was a trip to Dubai. As soon as we arrived in the city, we were immediately captivated by the grandeur and opulence of the place. We stayed at a beautiful hotel that overlooked the iconic Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world. During our trip, we visited the Dubai Mall, one of the largest shopping malls in the world, and were amazed by the sheer size and variety of shops and attractions. We also went on a thrilling desert safari tour, where we rode camels, watched traditional Arabic performances, and dined on delicious Middle Eastern cuisine under the stars. One of the most breathtaking experiences we had was visiting the top of the Burj Khalifa and looking out at the stunning panoramic views of the city skyline. We also visited the Palm Jumeirah, a man-made island shaped like a palm tree, and swam with dolphins at the Atlantis resort. Every day was filled with excitement and new experiences, and we felt like we were living in a dream world. Dubai was a city that truly exceeded our expectations, and we left with unforgettable memories and a desire to return someday.