

COMPOSITION

A composition must be shorter.

- Use of short words is not allowed, words like e.g; e.t.c.
- The composition should follow a certain order and come to conclusion or end.
- A composition should express the personal feelings and ideas of the writer.
- Every sentence in the paragraph must closely connected with the main topic of the paragraph.

GUIDED COMPOSITION

A JOURNEY BY BUS

1. Place visited
2. Amount paid for the journey
3. Things seen on the way
4. Time taken for the journey
5. Things done on arrival

We went to our local bus terminus called Kudzanai with my father. When we reached the bus terminus, my father bought me a ticket to Harare. It was around six o'clock in the evening when the journey started. Although there was a lot of traffic the bus maintained a good speed. On our way the lorries, buses, cars and other vehicles passed us. Since there was darkness everywhere I could not see anything outside.

As we were 20km towards Kadoma, the bus suddenly stopped because of an engine problem.

That night was very cold. There were about fifty passengers who were travelling with me. The driver quickly came out of the bus and asked for help from another bus driver who helped him to open engine and did some adjustments. Fortunately, the bus started again. I reached Harare one hour late. My uncle was waiting for me at Rainbow Towers. When I saw him through the bus window, I was very happy. I dropped out of the bus and we went together to Highfield.

A VISIT TO A VILLAGE

My father left his village when he was twenty years old, and become a policeman since then we had never been to our village place. My uncle invited me to visit our village and last week I managed to visit him.

My village is twenty kilometers near Hwange. I went to Hwange by train. From there I took a commuter omnibus. My uncle was waiting for me at the road side. I met my aunt and other members of the family.

It was a hot day, so I decided to take a bath at the farm well. I bathed in the open for the first time. I enjoyed the cold water very much. After finishing I went to the mango orchard and plucked mangoes with my own hands.

In the evening I visited the farm. My uncle was watering the crops. I milked the cow for the first time in my life. I was in our village for more than a week. When I returned many people came to see me. I was very impressed by the simple living of the village people.

MY FAVOURITE PET

- i. Name of your favourite animal
- ii.) Describe its appearance eyes, ears, legs, teeth and its colour.
- iii). Attractiveness
- iv.) Its home
- v.) Type of its favourite food.
- vi) Harshness

My favourite pet is a dog. It is black in colour with white patches on its body. It can smell any danger. It has red eyes and very large teeth. As soon as I return home, it wags its tail to welcome me. It barks

at strangers. It is always alert to any movement during the night.

My young brother and sister are fond of my dog. They play with it. During the day my dog is always locked in its kennel and we open the kennel during the night so that it guard the home against thieves.

I always give it pet food three times a week. Most of the days I give it sadza and bones. I like it because it is very friendly but harsh to strangers.

MY BEST FRIEND

- i.) Name
- ii.) Place
- iii.) Height
- iv.) Kind or unkind
- v.) Presentable
- vi.) Brilliant in class
- vii.) favourite games
- viii.) Describe of appearance

Everyone has some friends. I also have many friends. My best friend is Anashe. She is my class-mate. Her father is a teacher. Her mother is a nurse.

My friend lives in Highfield high density suburb. She is an obedient girl. She is very good in studies. All the teachers like her. She helps the students who are poor in their school work. She is taller than me. She is one of the smartest girls at our school.

She is very punctual. She never comes to school late. She plays netball very well. She is the class monitor in our class and she also leads the netball team. She respects all her elders. She never gets angry. She is a Christian. I feel very happy in her company. I am proud of my friend.

MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

- a.) Name of school
- b.) Time taken to the school
- c.) Headmaster's name
- d.) Teacher's name
- e.) Time for break
- f.) Dismissal time

My father wanted me to join a school. He went with me to find a place at Wadzanai Primary School. I carried a satchel and went to school with my father.

we went to the office of the Headmaster. The Headmaster assigned the secretary to help us in filling admission form and paying up of fees. After all the consultation I was taken to E.D.C West, where I met Mr Svikiro my teacher and my classmates.

They were doing rhymes and I sat quietly since I was new. Late in the morning the bell rang for break. Everything was new to me since it was my first day at school. In the midday my father waited for me outside to take me home.

THE WEDDING I HAVE ATTENDED

- i) Weather
- ii) Family members
- iii) Bride and groom
- iv) Dressing
- v) Place
- vi) Time finished

The weather was so cool and the sky was blue, everyone in our family was in a jovial mood since my brother was the groom on the day. Everything was in place since the preparations were made for many months in advance.

All the family members were taken to Waterfalls Gardens. That's where the reception and ceremony was going to take place. It was a garden wedding.

When time came for the groom to enter, I was so shocked because my brother was smartly dressed and the bridal team was so neat.

When the bride arrived the wedding started everyone was happy. After the reception, the bridal team went for photos, videos were taken as well. All the guests were given food and everyone was left for dancing. When the bridal team came back the presentation of gifts started, then from there it was time for music and dancing. I do not remember the time we departed because of joy.

OUR HOUSE

- Place
- The name of the location
- Person who built it
- Number of people living in that house
- Number of rooms
- Colour of the house

Our house is in Gweru. Gweru is a beautiful town in the south of Harare.

Our house is situated in seventh street. My father bought that house some years ago. We are a family of five members living inside that house. Our house has three bedrooms and a drawing cum-dining room. Our house is painted in cream and maroon.

In the front of our house there is a beautiful lawn. In the backyard, there is a small vegetable garden. There is a set of sofas, a dining table and a television set in dining room. In the centre, there is a carpet. There are some beautiful paintings on the walls.

There is a kitchen, bathroom and a storeroom in our house. We have a four plate electric stove. Books are kept neatly on shelves. I like our house very much.

MY CLASS TEACHER

- Name
- Complexion, height
- Character
- Commitment

Mr Bhuradha is my class teacher. He is light brown in complexion, he is between short and tall but not slim.

He is a qualified teacher. He is very popular among students. He teaches us all subjects excluding music and computers.

He is very friendly to the students. He maintains discipline and he is very polite. He is strict with those who break discipline. Everyone in the school likes and respects him.

He does his duty honestly. He gives us moral lessons and also joins us in games. He guides us in every possible way. He leads a simple life. He is married and blessed with two children, a girl and a boy.

He advises us in every moment of difficulties. He teaches grammar very well. I like him very much.

MY SCHOOL

- Name of the school
- Name of the Headmaster
- Place where it is found
- Types of buildings.
- Number of classrooms
- Library, computer room, play ground

My school is St Albert Junior. It is situated in the town of Gweru along Harare road. It is an ideal school. My school has big buildings. It has twenty four classrooms. The rooms are well-ventilated and well furnished.

My school has a big library and big computer room. There are many books in the library. There are fifty computers in the computer room. Grade seven and six classes are situated near the main gate. Headmaster and the secretary's offices are after grade one classes. The computer room is near deputy head's office.

The headmaster of my school is Mr Marufu. He is a very good administrator. He always tries his best to improve the school. All the teachers in my school are hard-workers. The headmaster is very interested in sports and games.

My school has a big playground. We play different games in the play ground. My school has a swimming pool. Students take part in various curricular activities. We start school early in the morning and we are dismissed later in the afternoon.

MY SCHOOL LIBRARY

- Place
- Librarian
- Rules
- Books

My school library is situated in the eastern side of the school and is painted in blue. There is always quietness in the library. Magazines are kept on the tables. The title of the books are displayed on boards. Mr Kunaka is our school librarian and he is a very intelligent man.

He keeps the books in proper order. Students can read and borrow all types of books. He helps in filling the books.

My school library remains open during the day and it is a very useful place in the school. It is well-furnished. It is air conditioned. Our Library can accommodate more than twenty student.

There are books for fashion and fabrics, agriculture, shona novels, english novels and so many different story books.

A RAILWAY JOURNEY

- Place visited
- Tickets
- Departing time
- Luggage
- Things you saw on the way

During the last holiday, I went to Victoria Falls from Harare. I travelled by train with my mother.

We packed our luggage and hired a tax. We reached the railway station. We bought tickets and then returned to the platform. There was a big crowd of people waiting for the train. Some people were standing and some others were sitting on the benches.

The train arrived an hour later. We entered our compartment. We had comfortable seats near the windows. There were people from different areas in the train. Some passengers were polite and some were rude. Some were drinking beer and other drinking soft drinks.

When the train started moving, I started looking out of the window. Green fields looked very beautiful and trees seemed to be moving. After six hours we

reached Kwekwe station. We had a dinner at the platform and when we finished we went back into the train. The small engine ran on the narrow rail tracks.

I enjoyed the scenery of green hills on either side of the railway line. We also passed through the dark tunnels. The journey to Victoria Falls was very pleasant.

A VISIT TO A GAME PARK

- Time visited
- People accompanied
- Amount charged
- Things which you saw
- Time taken there

A visit to a game park is an interesting experience. Last Friday I went to Mukurusi Woodlands game park with my father. We went there by our car. Mukurusi Woodlands is near Harare City Centre.

My father bought tickets for \$10 each and we entered the gate. There were ponds on both sides of the road. Ducks were swimming in the ponds. We saw zebras, Impala, elephants, deer and giraffe.

Then we came to the cages of birds. There were different kinds of birds. Peacocks were in large numbers. Then we saw the tigers in their enclosures. We also saw monkeys and baboons. Then we saw rhinos and giraffes. After going around the game park, we came out and sat under a tree. We had our food, which we had bought in town. We returned home tired but very happy.

MY FAVOURITE GAME

- Name
- Number of people
- Time
- Referees
- Penalty

Hockey is my favourite game. Hockey is played with eleven players on each side. There is a goal-keeper, two fullbacks three half backs and five forwards. Hockey is played on grassy field.

The game starts with a bully-off at the centre between the centre forwards of the rival teams. Players carry off the ball and then try to pass it through the goal posts of the opposite teams. They hit the ball hard from their

~~Due to the size of the ball, whichever team scores more goals wins the match.~~

There are two referees who conduct the match. If there is foul play, they penalise it. If the ball crosses the boundary line, the game is started again.

I love to play hockey. It provides excellent exercise to all parts of the body. This game develops team spirit. My heart is filled with joy when I play or watch a hockey match.

MY PARENTS

- Their names
- Age
- Type of occupation
- Caring
- Favourite food
- Place

My parents are called Mr and Mrs Dube. The first name of my father is Tinashe and my mother is Memory. They have been married for more than ten years now.

My father is thirty six years old. He is tall and fat. He is a teacher at a local primary school called Kurai. He is a good person. All the students admire him.

He loves his students like his own sons and daughters.

All his students respect him very well. He leads a simple life. He believes in simple living and quick thinking. He is a christian. He is a church member at Highfield Church of Christ. He likes fishing during his spare time.

My mother is a housewife. She is a very kind, religious and a gentle lady. She goes to church daily. She is a very hard-working lady. She cooks food for all of us. She washes our clothes and keeps the house neat and tidy.

She never tell lies. She respects my father very well. She likes watching african movies. Her favourite meal is rice and chicken. I am proud of my parents.

MY SCHOOL HEADMASTER

- His/her name
- Age
- Qualifications
- Qualities

Mr Macheka is the headmaster of my school. He is over fifty years old. He is a qualified and experienced person. He is very tall.

He stays in the school compound. He is married and blessed with four children, a boy and three girls.

He wears the most expensive suits. He is a very hard-working head. He is very punctual. He inspects lessons regularly. All students and teachers obey and respect him. He loves us

like his own children. He listens to every student patiently. We are all proud of our headmaster.