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WRITING • A special event

I can order events in the past using sequencing words.

THINK! What special days or events do you celebrate with your friends and family?

'Tell us about a memorable event in your life and you can win a new smartphone.'

My family's party

I'll never forget last July. That's when my big sister and her boyfriend decided to get married, and my parents had a fantastic party at our house to celebrate.

First, my mum and I went shopping for food and drink. At six o'clock, my sister's friends arrived for the party. At seven o'clock, my dad started the barbecue in the garden and after that we cooked potatoes and burgers. It was a very warm night. We ate the food and then Dad started the firework display – that was a great surprise. Finally, at about eleven o'clock, everyone went home. There were about twenty people and we all had a good time. Only our dog didn't enjoy the party. He stayed in the house – he didn't like the noise of the fireworks! It was a great evening and I was really happy.

Jack

1 Read the text. Why did Jack's parents have a party? Who did not enjoy the party?

2 Complete the Key Phrases with words from the text.

KEY PHRASES

Describing an event

I will never forget ¹
There were about ² people.
³ had a good time.
It was a great ⁴

Language point: Sequencing

3 Read the text again and find the sequencing words.


first after that then finally

4 Look at the sequencing words in bold and put sentences A–E in the correct order. Which word describes the beginning of an event, and which word describes the end?

Best party ever!!

- A** At 8 o'clock my friends arrived.
- B** Finally all my friends went home.
- C** First my mum and I prepared food and drink for the party.
- D** I opened my presents and **then** we had something to eat.
- E** After **that** everybody danced.

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5  **USE IT!** Follow the steps in the Writing Guide. Ask and answer the questions for part B with your partner.

WRITING GUIDE

A TASK

In about 60 – 80 words, write three paragraphs about one of these events:
• A wedding • Tet holiday • A party

B THINK AND PLAN

- 1 What and when was the event?
- 2 What happened first?
- 3 What happened after that?
- 4 How many people were there?
- 5 How did you feel after the event?

C WRITE

Paragraph 1: Introduction

I'll never forget ...

Paragraph 2: Event

First ... After that ... Then ... Finally ...

Paragraph 3: Conclusion

It was a great evening.

D CHECK

- Past simple forms
- Sequencing words: *first, after that, then, finally*