

Ba Sangam College

Year 12

English

Worksheet 5

PERSONAL WRITING (10 MARKS)

NARRATIVE ESSAY

A Narrative Essay tells a story. It talks about a particular event and describes the kind of experience that you got from it. In other words, you have to write about what happened to you and how it influenced you.

Most stories you come across in books are narrative ones. Furthermore, most movies that you watch are also examples of a narrative essay only realised through the video medium.

That is why writing narrative essay is the easiest assignment there is. Still, it is always better to have some sense of direction.

You must ensure to include all the conventions of storytelling: plot, character, setting, climax and ending. Below I have presented a sample narrative essay with a plan. Study the sample and attempt the question given in your writing book in the personal writing section.

Remember narrative essay has been covered from Year 9 and this is a recap on narrative essay.

Plan

Paragraph 1 Introduction – set the scene

- *It was a hot day*
- *We decided to go for a ride*
- *There was a phone call*

Paragraph 2 -4 Body – focus and give details of the event

- *Dad was crying on the phone*
- *I knew Alisa had passed away*
- *Davis was my dad's best friend and his daughter Alisa had a rare disease*
- *We grew up together but then she migrated to New Zealand*
- *We made arrangements to attend her funeral and I took the teddy bear I had bought for her but couldn't send*

Paragraph 6 Conclusion – how the problem was overcome

- *I was really upset and cried a lot.*
- *I learnt that we must not take things for granted*

SAMPLE ESSAY

<p>✚ Purpose - to tell a simple story.</p> <p>✚ Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ The story is organised in chronological order.✚ Introduction - describes the setting (where, when), introduces the characters (who), explains the situation or introduces the problem.✚ Body paragraphs (3-4) - focuses on events : Your story needs to build to something exciting, the climax which includes action, dialogue, sensory details, thoughts & feelings and suspense✚ Concluding paragraph - end your essay with a memorable line and also reveal how you overcame your problem. All conflicts are resolved and everything goes back to normal. <p>✚ Transitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Essays require appropriate connectives and linking devices to move them along smoothly, e.g. Suddenly, next, then, as soon as, before, silently etc. <p>✚ Viewpoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Often written in 1st person - <i>I</i> or <i>we</i>.✚ Can also be written in 3rd person - <i>he, she, they</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Gift of Life</p> <p>It was a hot day. My dad and I were getting ready to go out for a ride on the boat with my friend Simmy and the dog. That's when the phone call came, the call that made that bright, beautiful day a cold, dark, gloomy one.</p> <p>I had just put on my suit, shorts, and tank top, and packed my bag with sunscreen and everything else I would need for the day. I ran into my parents' room to look for dad. When I saw him on the phone, he was crying. I'd never seen my dad cry before. My heart sank. What possibly could have happened? "Davis, I'm so sorry," I heard him say. That's when it hit me. I knew that Alisa had passed away.</p> <p>Davis has been my dad's best friend for years. Alisa, his daughter, had a rare disease that mainly affected her body. She knew what was going on; she knew that she had problems and was different from other kids. Once, she told her dad that she wished she could die and be born in a different body. When Alisa and I were little, we spent a lot of time together. As we grew up, we parted ways. She migrated to New Zealand, and I remained in Fiji. When Alisa was ten, she moved into a hospital. About eight months before she died, Davis gave us her number at the hospital and we talked at least twice a week until the end.</p> <p>After we found out about her death, we made our plans to go to New Zealand for the funeral. When she was alive, I sent her a Teddy Bear and she sent one back to me. I had bought her another one but never had the chance to send it to her, so I took it to put in her casket.</p> <p>Her funeral was very different to any that I had ever been to. I remember crying so hard, I felt weak. My cheeks burned from the tears. My whole body was shaking. Alisa had given me more than I could ever give to her. I will never forget her. I now know that I must never take anything for granted, especially my health and the gift of life.</p>
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Checklist

- ***Must include a title for your story***
- ***This is personal writing so follow the rules of personal writing.***
- ***The tone must be informal and emotional.***
- ***Personal pronouns will be used.***

Activity

Write a narrative essay that includes the following sentence in any part of your writing:

“It was just amazing, I just thanked God for the opportunity he had given me.

The End.....STAY SAFE