

Temat: A short story – exercises. Ćwiczenia w pisaniu krótkich opowiadań

1. Połącz części opowiadania z problemem, który zazwyczaj w nim występuje. Następnie przeczytaj opowiadanie i wykonaj ćwiczenia. Na końcu napisz opowiadanie na temat przyjęcia urodzinowego, na którym byłeś.

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| 1..... beginning | a. a problem or difficulty is introduced |
| 2..... middle | b. the problem or difficulty is resolved |
| 3..... ending | c. the characters and the situation are introduced |

A short story

It was Katia's 20th birthday and she was looking forward to seeing her friends. They were meeting at Mamma Mia's, her favourite Italian restaurant, for a special birthday dinner. Katia was excited and got to the restaurant at exactly 7 o'clock, the time they had arranged to meet. She looked around for a familiar face, but no one had arrived yet. So she decided to wait outside and stood patiently in the warm evening sunshine.

The restaurant quickly filled up with customers, but none of them were Katia's friends. 'Where are they?' she thought. At half past seven she was still waiting, so she called her best friend Isa. 'Why doesn't she answer her phone?' Katia asked herself. Then she called Jonty, Alex and Yoko, but they didn't answer either. 'What's going on?' she wondered.

At 8 o'clock Katia went home. Her friends had forgotten her birthday and she felt lonely and miserable. She opened the front door and walked into the dark house. The living room door was closed. 'How strange,' she thought because she always left it open. Nervously, she opened the door. Suddenly the lights went on and all her friends jumped up and shouted 'Surprise!' So they hadn't forgotten and in the end it was the best birthday ever.

When you write a story, use ...

the past simple, past continuous and the past perfect.

adjectives and adverbs.

direct speech with reporting verbs and punctuation.

discourse markers e.g. then, after that or in the end.

2. Wybierz tytuł opowiadania.

- a. The accident
- b. The surprise
- c. My lucky day

3. Zaznacz odpowiedź true lub false.

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| 1. | Katia didn't want to celebrate her birthday. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | Katia was the first person to arrive at the Italian restaurant. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Katia waited outside the restaurant for 30 minutes. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Jonty is Katia's closest friend. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Katia went home after waiting for her friends for an hour. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Katia's friends hadn't forgotten her birthday. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

4. Połącz części opowiadania z przykładami pasującymi do nich.

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| 1..... | beginning | a. | 'So they hadn't forgotten and in the end it was the best birthday ever.' |
| 2..... | middle | b. | 'Then she called Jonty, Alex and Yoko, but they didn't answer either. "What's going on?" she said to herself.' |
| 3..... | ending | c. | 'They were meeting at Mamma Mia's, her favourite Italian restaurant, for a special birthday dinner.' |
| 4..... | final line | d. | 'Suddenly the lights went on and all her friends jumped up and shouted "Surprise!" |

5. Dopasuj poniższe słówka to odpowiedniej kolumny w tabelce – przymiotniki – adjectives i przysłówki – adverbs.

unexpected	freezing	quickly	nervously
sadly	exciting	huge	quietly
slowly	enjoyable	unexpectedly	happily
strange	patiently	awful	fantastic

adjectives	adverbs

6. Wpisz znaki interpunkcyjne w zdaniach.

1. Where does he live she asked
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2. I can't believe what's happened he said
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3. Follow that car she shouted
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4. Why doesn't he call me back she asked herself
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Discussion

Have you ever had a special birthday celebration?
Do you like writing stories?