

TELETANDEM

TEXT 1:

You should write a narrative to your partner in order to tell him about a funny experience you have already had in your life!

How to write narrative texts...

- ✓ First of all, you should know that a narrative is a text focusing specific participants.
- ✓ Its social function is to tell stories or past events and entertain the readers.
- ✓ A narrative text consists of the following structure:
 1. Orientation: introducing the participants and informing the time and the place.
 2. Complication: describing the situation.
 3. Resolution: showing how the participants dealt with the situation.

Some language features:

- ✓ Simple past tense → the idea that an action started and finished at a specific time in the past.
- ✓ Temporal conjunctions → tells us about the time.

When will something happen? Which of the two happened first?

AFTER
AS SOON AS
AT FIRST
AT ONCE
BEFORE
BY THE TIME
FINALLY
NEXT
THEN
UNTIL
ONE DAY...

Example:

Snow White	
Orientation	<i>Once upon a time</i> there lived a little girl named Snow White . She lived with her Aunt and Uncle because her parents <i>were</i> dead.
Complication 1	<i>One day she heard</i> her Uncle and Aunt talking about leaving Snow White in the castle because they both <i>wanted</i> to go to America and they didn't have enough money to take Snow White .
Resolution 1	Snow White <i>did not want</i> her Uncle and Aunt to do this so she <i>decided</i> it <i>would be</i> best if she ran away. <i>The next morning she</i> ran away from home <i>when</i> her Aunt and Uncle were having breakfast. She ran away into the woods.
Complication 2	<i>Then she saw</i> this little cottage. She knocked but no one answered so she went inside and fell asleep.
Resolution 2	<i>Meanwhile, the seven dwarfs</i> were coming home from work. They went inside. There they found Snow White sleeping. <i>Then Snow White</i> woke up. She <i>saw the dwarfs</i> . The dwarfs said, "what is your name?" Snow White said, "My name is Snow White ." Doc, one of the dwarfs, said, "If you <i>wish</i> , you may live here with us." Snow White said, "Oh could I? Thank you." <i>Then Snow White</i> told the dwarfs the whole story and Snow White and the 7 dwarfs lived happily ever after.

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