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Writing Tutor Syllabus – Book 2

Book	Unit	Topic	Writing Form	Writing Focus (Grammar)
2A	1	The Happiest Moment	• Narrative Paragraph	• Past Tense
	2	Legends Around the World		• Past Tense
	3	Extraordinary Phenomena		• Quantity and Degree Words (EX. <i>all of, almost all of, most of, some of</i>)
	4	Great Inventions		• Modal Verbs (EX. <i>can, could, is/was able to</i>)
	5	Two Kinds of Sports	• Comparison Paragraph	• Comparatives (EX. <i>-er, more, the same as, similar to, different from</i>)
	6	Special Events and Special People		• Superlatives (EX. <i>-est, most, one of the + superlative</i>)
2B	1	Activities in Summer vs. Activities in Winter	• Comparison Paragraph	• Gerund as Subject and Object
	2	At Play		• Gerunds
	3	My Ideal Life	• Persuasive Paragraph	• Verb + Gerund or Infinitive
	4	How to Be a Good Student		• Relative Clauses with Who or That
	5	Staying Healthy		• Noun Clauses Beginning with <i>Wh-</i> Words
	6	Why Kids Need Money		• Adverb Clauses with <i>Although</i> and <i>Even Though</i>

Scope & Sequence (Paragraph Writing)

Title of the Paragraph (Writing Tutor)	Title of the Paragraph (e-Tutor)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Visit to Wonderland Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My New Friend • Surprise in the Closet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulysses and the Sirens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Night the Fire Froze • My Mother Was a Bear
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Drew and the UFO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sasquatch: Bigfoot • The Ghost in the House
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred Nobel's Dynamite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Marcus Thompson and the American Roller Coaster • Earle Dickenson and the Marvelous Band-Aid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racquetball and Squash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBA Basketball Versus International Basketball • Two Kinds of Skiing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming of Age Day in Japan and Israel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Christmas Is Different • Celebration of Independence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birdwatching in Summer and Winter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biking: Winter and Summer • Hiking in Winter and Summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Activities: Long Ago and Today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amusement Parks: Long Ago and Today • Dancing: Long Ago and Today
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing in the Country vs. Playing in the City 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Abroad • Life in the City
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Study Is Good for Kids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do Your Homework • Schools Need New Lunch Menus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Need to Reduce Sugar in Our Diet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay Healthy: Get Some Fresh Air • Stay Healthy Through Exercise
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids Need a Regular Allowance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids Need Money to Play • Money Teaches Kids Responsibility

Unit 1

The Happiest Moment

Title: **A Visit to Wonderland Park**

Writing Form: Narrative Paragraphs

Paragraphs

Warm-Up

A Talk about the pictures with your classmates.



- What is the boy doing in the first picture?
- What happened to the boy?
- Where is the cat?

B Write your own title and topic sentence.

Title: _____

Topic Sentence: _____

Paragraphs

✓ Read about a paragraph and fill in the blanks.

A topic sentence

Details

A paragraph

A title

① A paragraph is a group of sentences that tell about one main idea.

② _____ is a name for a paragraph. ③ _____ is a short sentence that tells the main idea of the paragraph.

④ _____ are sentences that explain the main idea and help us understand it better.

Key Words and Expressions

A Complete the meaning of the word.

place rubbing short baby farm container entrance

1. anywhere: in any place
2. kitten: a _____ cat
3. soon: in a _____ time
4. barn: a building on a _____ for keeping crops or animals
5. front porch: an area at the _____; a veranda
6. glass jar: a _____ made of glass
7. scratching: _____ or scraping with a sharp object

B Complete the sentence with the correct word from the box.

worst Frisbee upset lost
although gone chased even

1. The day I lost Lucky was the worst day and the best day of my life.
2. After that, we _____ our dog, Rover, around the park.
3. I thought I _____ my cat Lucky, but I found him under the porch.
4. When I find something I lost, I am _____ happier than before I lost it.
5. The first thing we did was to play _____.
6. I was very sad and _____.
7. _____ I was angry at first, I was happy later.
8. One day, Lucky was _____, so I began to look for him.

Writing Form: Narrative Paragraphs

✓ Read the paragraph and complete the chart.

The Lost Kitten

Introduction

The day I lost Lucky was the worst and the best day of my life. I could not find Lucky anywhere. I was sad because my kitten was gone, but soon I had my happiest moment. First, I looked under the car. He was not there. After that, I looked in the barn, but there was no Lucky. Finally, I looked under the front porch. There, in a glass jar, was my sleeping kitten. Although I was upset at first, I was soon happy because I found my best friend. When I find something that was lost, I am even happier than before I lost it.

Body

Conclusion

1. What is the title?

The Lost Kitten

2. What is the topic sentence?

3. What are the details (the events) in order?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Grammar Practice 1

The Past Form of Verbs

- When you write a story about what happened in the past, you need to use the past form of verbs and helping verbs (*can*).

Examples: I **was** very tired.

My cat **played** with the toy.

Joan **could** read the book.

- It is important to keep the same verb tense in a sentence.

Example: After I **finished** it, I **went** to bed.

A Write the past form of the verb.

1. Ted learned to ride a bike when he was seven. (learn)
2. So many people _____ watching the parade. (be)
3. I was happy that my parents _____ me to the park. (take)
4. He _____ his friends at the theater. (meet)
5. He _____ me a question, but I didn't know the answer. (ask)

B Complete the sentences about yourself. Use the expressions in the box. You can use your own expressions, too.

had my picture taken

started to talk

~~cried a lot~~

got a nice present

heard about an interesting video game

1. I _____ cried a lot _____ when I was one year old.
2. I _____ when I was two years old.
3. I _____ on my first day of elementary school.
4. I _____ on my last birthday.
5. I _____ in the news.

Prewriting

Key Words and Expressions

A Complete the sentence with the correct word or phrase from the box.

bright	fun	meal	parade
merry-go-round	trampoline	rides	amusement park

1. I rode many rides in the amusement park.
2. The roller-coaster was fast and _____.
3. We had a delicious _____ at the restaurant.
4. The _____ started to turn with the music, and my sister pretended to ride a real horse.
5. If you jump too high on the _____, you can fall off, so be careful.
6. There were so many _____, such as a roller coaster and a Ferris wheel.
7. The weather was sunny and _____.
8. Clowns and animal characters were dancing in the _____, and it was a lot of fun to watch.

B Talk about some of your memories. Then, complete the sentences in your own words.

1. Watching the parade _____ was great fun.
2. I will never forget the day _____.
3. I was really happy when _____.
4. The day I _____ was the worst day of my life.

Practice Outlining

A Talk about the pictures. Then, write a topic sentence and five details.

Sample Outline



Title: The Family Picnic

Topic Sentence: _____

Details:

1. played Frisbee _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

- Dad told funny stories.
- ate our sandwiches
- shared one sandwich with Rover
- My family went to the park and had a special time.
- played Frisbee
- chased our dog, Rover

Write Your Own Outline

A Talk about the pictures. Then, write an outline of the paragraph.



STEP 1 Write your title.

A Visit to Wonderland Park

STEP 2 Write your own topic sentence.

visiting the amusement park / was the happiest day of my life / because I had so much fun

STEP 3 Write the details.

1. _____

I woke up early / in the morning / to get ready to go

2. _____

I went on / more than ten rides / including / the merry-go-round / and the roller coaster

3. _____

my mother / bought me chocolate ice cream / and my father / bought me a big yellow balloon

4. _____

we watched a special parade / with wonderful music

5. _____

we had a big meal / at a restaurant

B Rewrite your outline.

Your Outline

Title: _____

Topic Sentence: _____

Details:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Drafting

Practice Drafting

A Talk about the pictures.



B Complete the outline.

Sample Outline

Title: A Surprise in the Closet

Topic Sentence: _____

Details:

- I always have a snack. I got a glass of milk from the fridge.
- I went to the cookie jar. There were no cookies.
- There was only a small folded piece of paper. It was a note from Mom.
- It said to look in the closet. I opened the closet door.
- _____ He picked me up and hugged me.

- ~~There was only a small folded piece of paper.~~
- One day, I found a note at home, and that note gave me the happiest moment of my life.
- I saw Dad.

C Read the sample draft and answer the questions.

Sample Draft

A Surprise in the Closet

My father was a soldier in a war, and he was gone for two years. One day, I found a note at home, and that note gave me the happiest moment of my life. After school, I always have a snack. That day, I got a glass of milk from the fridge. Then I went to the cookie jar for some cookies. _____ but there were no cookies. There was only a small folded piece of paper inside. _____ It was a note from Mom. It said to look in the closet. When I opened the closet door, there stood Dad. He picked me up and hugged me. _____

1. Fill in the blanks to add more information. You can use your own sentences.
2. Circle all the linking words in the paragraph.

- A. Now, every time I put my hand in the cookie jar, I think of the surprise in the closet.
- B. I put my hand in the jar,
- C. ~~My father was a soldier in a war, and he was gone for two years.~~
- D. I was the happiest girl in the world.
- E. I took the paper out and unfolded it.
- F. I will never forget how Mom and Dad surprised me.

Complete Your 1st Draft

A Write your 1st draft.

Your 1st Draft



Title _____

B Check your draft. Use the checklist.



- Does the title tell enough about the topic of the paragraph?
- Does the topic sentence tell your point clearly?
- Do the details help the reader understand your point better?
- Is the paragraph written in the correct tenses?


Grammar Practice 2

A Write the past form of the verb.

1. My family _____ **went** _____ to the zoo last Saturday. (go)
2. She _____ not believe it at the time. (do)
3. My aunt _____ letters to me every week while I was away at camp. (write)
4. I was watching a movie when she _____ in. (come)
5. The man sitting next to the boys _____ my teacher. (be)

B Write five subjects on the left side. Write verbs in the past tense with the rest of your sentences on the right side.

Subject	Verb ...
• My dog, Toto	• _____
• _____	• _____
• _____	• _____
• _____	• sang loudly.
• _____	• _____

 Read one of your subjects to your partner. Have your partner complete your sentence with one of the verbs on his or her verb list. Does the new sentence make sense? Continue with the other four subjects.


Revising and Proofreading

Practice Revising

- A** Read the paragraph. Cross out one sentence and two linking words that do not belong.

The Family Picnic

My mom, dad, little brother, and I had our annual family picnic at the open park last week. We stayed at the open park for more than five hours! We played Frisbee for over an hour. First, we chased our dog, Rover, around the park. Afterwards, we ate our sandwiches. We even shared one sandwich with Rover. There were other dogs in the park. The best part of the picnic was when Dad told us funny stories. Next, we thought it was the best family picnic yet!

-  Compare your answers with your classmates'. Discuss why the sentence and the linking words should be deleted.

Grammar Review

- A** Write the correct verb form.

My sister Jenna was hurt at the playground last week, and I was so afraid. I was playing on the slide, and I ① couldn't see (can't see) her when she climbed on the jungle gym. Suddenly, I ② _____ (hear) a noise, and I turned around to look. Jenna ③ _____ (fall) off the jungle gym and ④ _____ (start) bleeding from her forehead. I took her home right away, and I was sorry that I ⑤ _____ (don't take) care of her. My mom told me it was just a scratch, and she would be fine soon.

Revise

A Fill in the blanks with the sentences and the linking words.

Sample Writing



A Visit to Wonderland Park

The day I went to the Wonderland Amusement Park was the happiest day of my life because I had so much fun. I woke up early in the morning and got ready to go to the amusement park. The weather was sunny and bright. I rode more than ten rides, including the merry-go-round and the roller coaster. _____

_____ My mother bought me chocolate ice cream and my father got me a big yellow balloon.

_____, we watched a special parade with wonderful music.

_____, we had a big meal at a restaurant. _____

- A. But I had the most fun bouncing on the trampoline.
- B. ~~The weather was sunny and bright.~~
- C. Though I was ready for more rides, my mother said we had to go home.
- D. On the way home, I asked my parents to take me to the amusement park again soon. I had a wonderful time that day.

* **Linking Words:**
Later, After that

Proofread



CHECKLIST

- Does each sentence have a verb?
- Does each verb agree with its subject?
- Are capitalization and punctuation used correctly?
- Are the words spelled correctly?

Writing Form Review



Narrative

Personal narratives share your life and experiences with others around you. Most personal narratives are written from the **first-person** (*I, we*) point of view and use the past tense when telling a story.

Topics can include a variety of subjects, such as:

- My favorite holiday
- My best friend
- My happiest vacation
- The biggest mistake I have ever made
- The most embarrassing moment in my life



Compare & Contrast



Persuasive