7. A Story/Narrative

1. Why do people tell or write stories? Who are the stories for?

2. Speculate about a story called „The Flying Elephant“. What is it about? Write down your ideas.

3. Watch and listen to the story „The Flying Elephant“– see the link.

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&v=hKc4I-YxepQ&NR=1>](#_Hlk348023842)

*Answer these questions while watching:*

*Who are the main characters in the story?*

*What language and grammar are used in this story?*

*Were any of your ideas correct?*

Writing a story

1. Cross out parts that do not belong into a story.

*Title; Ingredients; Greetings; Main Body; Ending; Conclusion; Introduction*

2. What is the form of a story? Use the parts listed above.

3. Match these characteristics with the individual parts of the story.

A

*…introduces the characters, setting, time etc. It should be interesting to draw the attention of the readers and make them want to read more about it.*

B

…*it closes up the whole story. It brings in the resolution of the plot and satisfies the reader. The ending can ambiguous.*

C

*…it usually consists of two or more paragraphs. The story starts, the action develops, the turning point of the story comes.*

4. Suggest the structure of the story „The Flying Elephant“.

5. Rewrite the story „The Flying Elephant“

6. Speculate about the content of the following stories and match them with the descriptions.

A **Tom and Mary**

B **The most exciting holiday of my life**

C **James Cook**

D **In the year 3000**

E **Lost in the ocean**

F **The worst New Year´s Eve party**

1. a life story of a famous explorer

2. a story of two siblings who got lost in a blizzard

3. a love story of 2 young people who met on the beach

4. a story of a family who shipwrecked

5. a story about a bad luck on New Year´s Eve

6. a story about the life in the future

7. Choose one title and write an introductory part of a story. Do not write more than 30 words.

8. To get more ideas read [[http://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Short-Story](#_Hlk348041437" \s "1,2626,2728,0,, HYPERLINK \"http://www.wikihow.)](http://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Short-Story)

**StORY SUMMARY:**

**Who to:** *the general public, friends, schoolmates, teachers*

**Parts of a story:**

1. Title (*drawing* *attention of the readers, sometimes created at the end of the writing process*)
2. Introduction (*introduces characters, setting, time, weather and should encourage the reader to go on)*
3. Main body (*the story starts, the action develops, the most intense point comes; it usually consists of two or more paragraphs.)*
4. Conclusion (*the more* *unpredictable end - the happier reader; the moral of the story, consequences)*

**Useful tips:** *Think about the plot before you start writing, gather and write down ideas; events should be connected in the right way; no need to start the story from the very beginning, flashback narration or moving forward is also very effective; use a variety of tenses but be careful when using continuous (setting the scene) and simple forms of past tense (main events of the story). Sentences may be complex but it is very important to put the events into a sequel. Any language is acceptable if you aim for authenticity. Direct speech and variety of adjectives make the story more readable.*

**Paragraphs:** *Title; the text is divided into four or more paragraphs – depends on the main body.*

**Writer:** *You can use the first or the third person to describe the events.*

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**Answer key:**

A story

1. People tell or write stories to entertain others to describe what happened. Stories are for friends, acquaintances, schoolmates, the general public – it depends on the situation.

2. Students´ own answers.

3. Characters: A farmer, God Indra, Flying Elephant, Farmer´s wife, Villagers

Language and grammar used in the story: Complex grammar, variety of tenses, direct speech,

linking words

Students´ own answers.

Writing a story

1. A story should contain: *Title; Main Body; Conclusion; Introduction*

2. The structure of a story: The Title; Introduction; Main Body; Conclusion

3. Introduction: A, Main Body: C, Conclusion: B

4. The layout of the story „The Flying Elephant“

**Title:** The Flying Elephant

**Introduction:** The main character, place, conditions

**Main Body:** The plot – An elephant comes and the farmer goes to paradise

Villagers’ plan

**Conclusion**: Tricks do not pay

5. A brief version of the story.

A farmer planted a field of sugar cane and expected a lot of crop. Somebody kept steeling his sugar cane.

A flying elephant came from heaven to eat the sugarcane and the farmer flew with him to paradise. He was awarded a few precious stones by the God Indra and was promised never to have problems with the elephant again. The man built a new house and became rich.

People in the village were curious and asked what had happened. They decided to try their luck and planted the sugarcane to attract the elephant. On the way to heaven they got greedy and fell back to the ground.

The elephant never came back because the God found out about the trick of the villagers.

6. Speculate about the content of the following stories and match them with fragments of stories:

**Tom and Mary** (a story of two siblings who got lost in a blizzard)

**The most exciting holiday of my life** (a love story of 2 young people who met on the beach)

**James Cook** (a life story of a famous explorer)

**In the year 3000** (a story about life in the future)

**Lost in the ocean** (a story of a family who shipwrecked)

**The worst New Year´s Eve party** (a story about a bad luck on New Year´s Eve)

7. Students´ own answers.