

Teacher notes

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# Once upon a time...

## Language point

Narrative tenses

## Aim

To practise writing a story

## Activity

Students use random words to write a story.

## Organization

Pair work or group work

## Preparation

Make one copy of the activity.

Cut up the words.

## What do I do?

- 1 Put students into pairs or groups.
- 2 Groups pick five words at random.
- 3 Groups write a story containing the five words and using narrative tenses.

### *Optional*

*Give students the first and/or last sentence of the story, e.g. "It was a cold, stormy night..." or "It was love at first sight..."*



baby	fish	trees	Saturday	spider
gun	bread	a box of matches	Europe	Australia
keys	yellow	ugly	beach	sand
water	coffee	bathroom	desk	shoes
doctor	teacher	balcony	spaghetti	TV
milk	motorbike	washing machine	cigarette	bank
cat	window	swimming pool	newspaper	suitcase