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Writing skills practice: A story – story

Exam question

Write a story with the title 'The English Exam'. You should use a variety of tenses and your story must be between 180 and 220 words.

The English Exam

Dimitri woke up at 7:00 a.m. He had been chatting with a friend on the computer until nearly midnight the previous night so he was feeling quite tired but also rather nervous because this was the day of an important English exam at school. Dimitri had been studying very hard for this exam for the previous two weeks so he thought he had a good chance of passing it.

While Dimitri was travelling to school on the bus, he remembered that he had forgotten to take his wallet with him so he didn't have any money to buy lunch. Just after this, his friend Lucas got on the bus.

'Can I borrow some money, Lucas?' asked Dimitri. 'Sure, no problem,' replied Lucas. 'Here you go.'

The two boys did the English exam. While they were having lunch, Dimitri asked Lucas if he thought the exam had been difficult. Lucas smiled and picked up the slice of chocolate cake that he was eating.

'It was so easy! It was a piece of cake!' said Lucas, smiling.

Top Tips for writing

- 1. Your story should have a clear beginning, middle and end.
- 2. Use clear paragraphs.
- 3. Use a variety of narrative tenses.
- 4. Use direct speech or indirect speech when the characters talk.