

## Different Styles

We are now going to have a look at different styles of Writing with an Activity to follow each. If you turn back to the first page of this Lesson, you will see Writing was to be presented in various categories: *Descriptive, Personal, Narrative*.

You will notice that the categories listed previously did not include Narrative (which is the form used for Story Telling). We shall consider Narrative here as well as the others, but it should be realized that to write a story is the most difficult type of writing of all. We will start considering the different kinds of writing.

### Your own Situation: Home Background

This type of writing is probably the easiest as it relies entirely on what you know. The only problem is you may be too relaxed, and so the English could be over conversational or colloquial.

When preparing this writing, you should still keep to the Three Parts programme as shown earlier, Beginning, Middle, and End... The main thing about any kind of writing is that you assume the reader knows nothing about what you are writing, and so it is your task to keep him or her fully informed...

### HOME SWEET HOME



### Examples

Here are some largely imaginary examples:

1) *MY HOME*

My home is not very small and not very big. I live in the country in a detached house with a pretty garden that takes me quite a lot of time to keep under control. Once a week when it is not raining, I take out the motor mower (we do not have an electric and you can't get the old fashioned push mowers these days), and I spend about an hour cutting the stretches of green, (they are hardly a lawn) in front and at the back of our house.

2) It is fairly modern with a beautiful view of the valley far below. On sunny summer days you can see out to the hills that look very blue in the distance. Our garden has some apple trees and raspberry canes but it is mainly lawn,

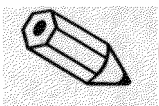
with a hedge at the back bordering onto a field now used as a children's park.

- 3) We are extremely quiet. During the day you hear nothing but the birds that come and nestle in the fruit trees or look for worms on the lawn especially after it has been cut. Our area is great for dogs (and cats) and you cannot leave the house without meeting at least two to three dogs with their owners out for their obligatory walk. I am very fond of my home - and the countryside round about.

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Now let us have a look at how this was produced. You can see there are the Three Parts, three paragraphs in this case, they have been numbered...

- 1) **The Beginning:** this sets the scene. The story is told by the writer who is not named and is a bit mysterious, except we know he/she enjoys the countryside and a quiet environment, also is not too keen on gardening, judging from the casual description of the lawn... Please note the phrase "keep under control" which implies that keeping the garden tidy is a bit of a struggle... Everything is centred on the activities of the narrator, especially the weekly assault on the lawn; he or she is probably elderly from the mention of the old fashioned push mower that no one uses now.
- 2) **The Middle:** here the scene extends from the activities of the Narrator to the area, especially what can be seen from the garden; the valley, the blue distant hills. We also have a description of the attractive garden with its fruit trees and raspberry canes, and the play park at the back. All this is building up a picture, seen from the eyes of the Narrator.
- 3) **The End:** this adds some extras details to the description; the quiet atmosphere of the Narrator's home district, the number of animals and birds in the area, with the final conclusive remark of the Narrator's fondness for home.

<b>Activity 1</b>	<b>My Home</b>
	Fill in the following sentences relating to yourself.
	<p>(This will give you the sort of Personal Description you may be asked to write in an Examination; or you may want to write; we all like writing or talking about ourselves. The Key after this Lesson can do no more than give you a guide, but at least linking the Key with the description you have just read, will help you to write your own personal description):</p> <p>My home is _____</p> <p>We live in a _____</p> <p>I like/do not like my home because _____</p> <p>We have/do not have a garden: (Describe the garden, or say whether you would like a garden, and why...)</p>

	<p>Give a short description of your home area, and say why you like it, do not like it)</p>
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