

Part 2 Story

Task

You have seen this announcement in a new international magazine for teenagers.

STORIES WANTED

We are looking for stories for our new international magazine for teenagers. Your story must begin with this sentence:

Sam was worried about his best friend and only wanted to help.

Your story must include:

- a gift
- a difficult decision

Write your **story** in 140–190 words.

Useful language

Ordering events

- At first/In the beginning/To start with...
- Next/Then...
- As soon as...
- While...
- Meanwhile...
- By the time...
- Finally/Eventually/In the end...

Using dramatic language

- All of a sudden...
- Just at that moment...

Give the story a simple title but don't spend too long thinking of one.

The unexpected gift

Remember to start with the sentence given.

Sam was worried about his best friend and only wanted to help. Recently Marco had been unhappy and Sam didn't know what to do.

Use a variety of narrative tenses to tell the story.

Include some description to make your story more interesting.

Marco was feeling down because there was a mysterious girl called Daisy that he really liked.

Her family had moved into the house opposite and although they'd said 'hello' a few times, Marco was desperate to get to know her better.

Use a new paragraph for each main event with a clear beginning, middle and end.

Use sequencing words and phrases to order the events.

Suddenly, Sam had an idea! It was Marco's birthday soon and he was going to have a party. Sam decided it would cheer Marco up if he got a 'surprise' gift from Daisy. Then perhaps they'd speak to each other and become friends. On the other hand, Sam wasn't sure whether it was actually a terrible idea and it might make things worse.

Don't forget to include the two key elements.

End with a mystery or something to make the reader think.

In the end, he decided to take a risk and he sent a present signed 'From Daisy' to the party. Sam really hoped everything would work out all right. But just as Marco was about to open the 'surprise' present, the doorbell rang. Sam opened the door and outside was a girl holding a gift. 'Surprise!' said Daisy...

Include some direct/indirect speech to make the characters real.