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English Language and Literature-184
WRITING SKILLS: STORY WRITING
CLASS IX

Story writing is an art that requires a lot of communication skills. The art of storytelling and writing is as old as mankind. Story writing involves development of a narrative around a specific plot along with development of characters and themes.

A story has the following essential elements:

Title: It gives an insight into the story through a few words.

Theme: It reflects the central idea of the story. In other words, theme is what the author conveys in a story.

Plot: Plot comprises the events that make up the story. In simpler terms, it tells what happens in the story.

Characters: These are persons, animals or figures that the story is about. Every story has a main character that drives the plot forward.

Setting: It is the time and the geographical location in which the events of the story take place.

Stories can be written with the help of given outline or with the help of opening lines. While developing a story, the following points may be kept in mind:

(1) One must carefully read the outline or hints given and have a clear idea of the plot of the story.

(ii) The title of the story should be brief yet catchy. It should give information about the story.

(iii) The beginning of the story should introduce the characters involved and also the theme and subject. It should be interesting and attract the reader's attention.

(iv) The middle portion should contain the plot of the story. It is developed through a series of events written in a logical sequence.

(v) The order of the points given in the outline must be followed.

(vi) Connect the points given in the outline. There should be coherence in the sentences, i.e. they should be logically connected.

(vii) The conclusion of the story is as important as its beginning. The story should be rounded off to its logical end.

(viii) One should clearly check the spellings and punctuation marks used.

Sample

1. Write a story in 150-200 words with the following beginning and give a suitable title to it.

Yesterday I went for an evening walk. On the way, I noticed an old woman sitting under a tree. She was reading a letter. Her hands were trembling and there were tears in her eyes. I went slowly near her

Need to Care for the Elderly

Yesterday I had gone for an evening walk. On the way I noticed an old woman sitting under a tree. She was reading a letter. Her hands were trembling and there were tears in her eyes. I went slowly near her and asked her, "What happened? Why are you sad?" She looked at me in despair and replied, "My son works in Dubai and he has sent me this letter saying that he'll not be able to bear my burden anymore. He has decided never to return to India and has asked me to move to an old-age home." She told me that she did not even have money to pay the rent of her house and had nowhere to go. I consoled her and brought her to my home.

I told the entire story to my parents. They appreciated me and welcomed her wholeheartedly. She now stays with us and I am happy to find a grandmother in her. She loves me very much. But this incident brings forth the plight of old people in our society. They spend their entire lives in bringing happiness for their children but the same children have an ungrateful and uncaring attitude towards them. There is an urgent need to revive our values. We should love and respect our elders.

2. Write a story in about 150-200 words with the following beginning and give a suitable title to it.

It was 6 o'clock in the evening and there was a lot of traffic on the road. Mohan was driving his car when suddenly two teenagers on bike overtook his car.....

A Lesson Learnt!

It was 6 o'clock in the evening and there was a lot of traffic on the road. Mohan was driving his car when suddenly two teenagers on bike overtook his car and laughing aloud they drove away fast. Mohan was able to apply the brakes of his

car in just nick of time. He was very angry but since he was getting late for an important meeting at his office, he ignored and drove ahead. He hadn't gone too far when he heard a loud crash. A bike had crashed on the divider of the road. The driver probably had lost his balance.

Mohan quickly got out of his car and rushed towards the accident spot. He could see the faces of the accident victims. They were the same teenagers who had overtaken his car. They both were without helmets and were bleeding profusely. Mohan wasted no time. With the help of the passers-by, he picked them up and immediately took the injured boys to a hospital in his car. He informed their families using the mobile of one of those boys. The timely treatment saved the lives of the boys. They were ashamed of their act after meeting Mohan. Mohan forgave them and advised them to follow traffic rules as they are meant for people's safety. They promised not to drive till they were eighteen.

Exercise

- 1. Write a story with the given beginning in 150-200 words. Also give a suitable title to the story.**

Rohit was one of the most intelligent students of his class. But he was a victim of insecurity that he may score poorly in the examination. Ms. Shruti, Rohit's English teacher.....

- 2. Write a story with the given beginning in 150-200 words. Also give a suitable title to the story.**

I was short of breath as I was running hard to save myself from the dogs that chased him. Fortunately I came across a house with an open gate, I entered and considered myself blessed to have found protection from those ferocious dogs. I sat in the porch and then I was awestruck to see.....