

Trend Task: **A Day I'll Never Forget**

Approach: Independent

Year: 4 & 8

Focus: Writing a story about a personal event

Resources: Video recording on laptop computer, 4 individual answer sheets, 4 *Spell Writes*, 4 red pens, timer

Questions / instructions:

This activity uses the computer.

In this activity you are going to plan an interesting piece of writing. You will be doing it over three days.

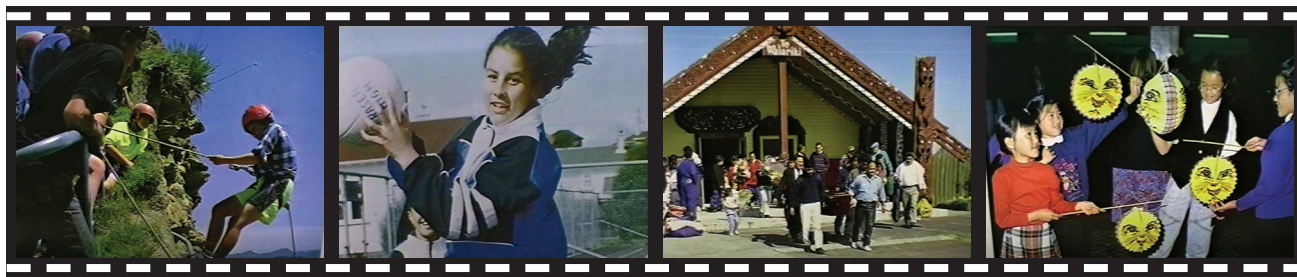
Today, after watching a short video, you will have a few minutes to think about what you might write and put down some of your ideas. On the second day you will have time to write, and on the third day you will have some time to check your work and make any changes that you want. I will give you a booklet for writing in. Each day I will collect it back in, then give it back the next time you come.

DAY 1 INSTRUCTIONS (INTRO). 5 Minutes.

Today you are going to think about and plan what you will be writing.

We'll start by watching a video which will help you get started. It shows some times that are special to people, and should help you start thinking about times that are special to you. Your writing is to describe a day you'll never forget.

Click the *A Day I'll Never Forget* button.



(VIDEO DESCRIPTION: Series of 16 stills depicting a wide variety of scenes. No voiceover.)

Remember, you're going to describe a day that was very special to you; a day you'll never forget. It should be true and not make-believe. On the first page of your booklet, **write down some of the ideas** that you might want to use. Don't start writing the piece today. You can have **5 minutes** to think about and plan your ideas.

Hand out booklets and blue pens. Allow 5 minutes then collect back the booklets.

DAY 2 INSTRUCTIONS (TEAM / INDEPENDENT). 20 minutes.

Yesterday you started to think about what you will be writing. It is about a time that is very special to you; a day you'll never forget. I'm going to give back your booklets and today you will have time to do your writing. You will have 20 minutes, and I'll let you know when you have used half of the time, and when you have 5 minutes left.

If you don't know how to spell some words you need, try to spell them as best you can without asking me or someone else. Use a PENCIL or BLUE PEN today.

Remember, what you write about should be true and not make-believe. It should describe the day you will never forget, so that when others read what you have written, they will know what happened on that day, and why it was special to you.

Hand out students' booklets, pencils and blue pens. Tell the students when 10 minutes and then 5 minutes remain.

Collect booklets back at the end of the time.

DAY 3 INSTRUCTIONS (STATIONS). 10 minutes.

Yesterday you did some writing. Today you are to check it through very carefully and make any changes or improvements that you think should be made.

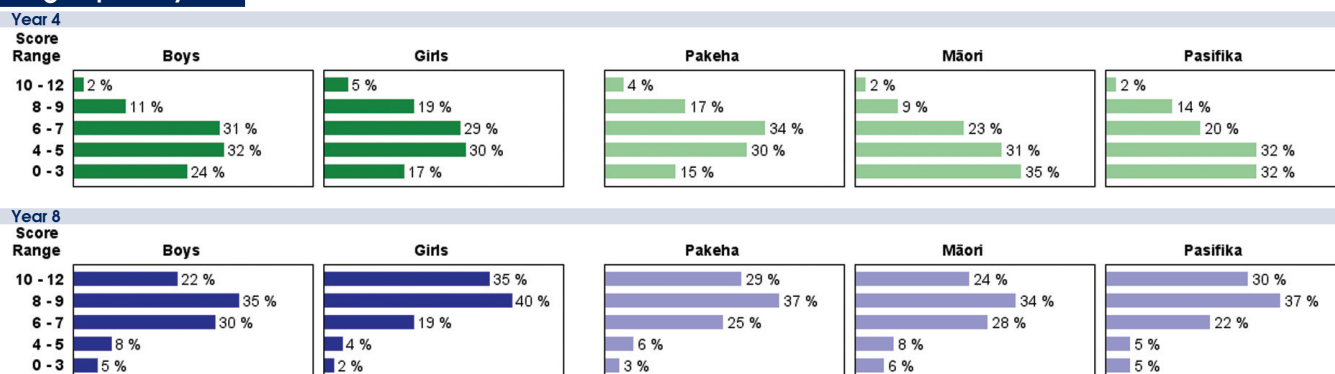
Only use a RED pen today. Don't use a rubber. If you want, you can also use a *Spell Write*. You have 10 minutes for doing this.

Hand out booklets, red pens and *Spell Writes*.

Allow 10 minutes then collect back booklets.

		% response 2006 ('02)				% response 2006 ('02)	
Content:		year 4	year 8			year 4	year 8
Vividness: (<i>use of language, imagery</i>)				Substituting: (<i>words with other words</i>)			
	extremely rich and vivid	1 (0)	13 (8)	substantial		1 (0)	3 (0)
	good vivid description	14 (9)	43 (34)	slight		15 (12)	40 (36)
	some elements described	50 (51)	39 (48)	none		84 (88)	57 (64)
	no/very little description	35 (40)	5 (10)				
Relevance: (<i>how much on the day/event</i>)				Reorganising:			
	majority	64 (55)	84 (84)	substantial		0 (0)	0 (0)
	about half	17 (27)	11 (14)	slight		0 (0)	4 (2)
	some	11 (11)	4 (2)	none		100 (100)	96 (98)
	very little or none	8 (7)	1 (0)				
Detail:				Deleting:			
	very detailed and clear	4 (4)	31 (18)	substantial		0 (1)	2 (1)
	quite detailed	34 (19)	47 (50)	slight		14 (11)	29 (26)
	some elements detailed	46 (61)	20 (30)	none		86 (88)	69 (73)
	unclear	16 (16)	2 (2)				
Communicating personal feeling: (<i>communicated how special the day is to them</i>)				Punctuation:			
	very high	4 (4)	19 (20)	substantial		0 (1)	9 (3)
	quite high	16 (15)	37 (33)	slight		31 (25)	57 (57)
	some	41 (33)	37 (41)	none		69 (74)	34 (40)
	very little	39 (48)	7 (6)				
Editing:				Paragraphing:			
Extending: (<i>at end of writing</i>)				substantial		0 (0)	0 (0)
	substantial	2 (1)	3 (1)	slight		0 (0)	2 (6)
	slight	8 (7)	8 (18)	none		100 (100)	98 (94)
	none	90 (92)	89 (81)				
Inserting: (<i>in middle of writing, either between or within sentences</i>)				Spelling Changes: (<i>including circling or underlining of words</i>)			
	substantial	0 (0)	5 (0)	substantial		2 (2)	3 (3)
	slight	25 (20)	48 (47)	slight		72 (76)	67 (72)
	none	75 (80)	47 (53)	none		26 (22)	30 (25)
				Total score:			
				10–12		3 (2)	28 (25)
				8–9		15 (11)	37 (27)
				6–7		31 (27)	25 (32)
				4–5		30 (33)	6 (15)
				0–3		21 (27)	4 (1)

Subgroup Analyses:



Commentary:

The total score was based on the four content elements, not the editing. There was a small improvement between 2002 and 2006, for both year 4 and year 8 students. Year 8 Pakeha, Māori and Pasifika students performed comparably but girls were more prominent than boys among the high performers.

A Day I'll Never Forget : Exemplars

YEAR 4 – MID RANGE

At the beach

One day i went to the beach in my mums car. It doesn't go very fast when it's packed ^{with stuff} in the boot ~~and~~ it's even more funny when we saw all the cars going ^{straight} ahead of us ~~when~~ where driving along the road. I went with my friends to the beach along with my mum and two sisters. We took a ~~big~~ mini bbq set. for lunch we cooked ^{Sausages} sausages, marshmallows and took other things like fruit and treats then ~~we~~ my two sisters Morgan and Alexandra we went down to the sea i ran too fast and cut my foot. It really hurt ~~and~~ Morgan did too but her one wasn't so bad then we ~~reised~~ remembered about the first day kit ~~Oh No~~ i said. So I hoped down to the sea to was my foot. Then i saw a shiny stone i picked it up forgetting about my foot and started polishing it.



YEAR 4 – MID RANGE

A day I'll never forget ~~is~~ my ballet show. We have a ballet show every year we ~~get~~ ^{perform} in fourimoth I have been dancing ~~four~~ for four ^{years} ~~years~~. Hundress of people come every year ~~when~~ I grow up I want to be a ballet blaner. Every year more and more people come it happens in november ~~the~~ my favourite part is pize giving because ~~we~~ get pizes. I ~~also~~ like dancing on stage I ~~am~~ ^{like} ballet and dancing. our ballet teacher is really nice. On the show it is ~~usually~~ ^{normally} placed on a story. our ballet teachers ~~was~~ also a dancer.

The End

On my 21st i went to Samoa. It was ^{really} really fun and exciting because it was my first time on a plane and first time in samoa. When i was on the plane i had my jumper on and when i arrived there it was warm and then it got more hot and so i had to wear my singlet. It was so cool i went on free bus rides two times. I drank coconut drinks, I ate the stuff that was in the coconut. At night i had 1 whole bet to my self, oh and my nanas sister came from america Samoa she gave me stc. When i was sleeping i saw lisaras hanging up on the wall It was so freekie. I had a swim in the pool it was so cooling. when i got there it was cool ~~im~~ met my aunties and uncles. When i left i was suprised to see my mum and dad i was about to cry. And that was the day ^{I've never} ~~forget~~.

YEAR 4 - HIGH RANGE

At my Grandad's funeral

Once at the place where my grandad had his funeral ~~was~~ my big sister wrote a note to him about my brother Eory falling in the duck pond at ~~Arrol~~ ^{Arrol} park. I got to hold a ribbon tied on to his coffin. My cousins and brother held the ribbons as well. My Uncles and Aunties lifted the coffin and put it in the middle of the ~~coffin~~ ^{church}. We all went up to him and prayed for a few minutes it was really sad that he passed away. We ~~took~~ ^{took} the coffin and put it in the car we all had balloons with a note to him ~~we~~ we let them go. He passed away when I was seven. I thought about him throughout the funeral. I cried and cried. Some was funny. He is still in my heart and I will never ~~forget~~ ^{forget} him.

~~A couple of~~ ^{Last} year I was coming back from my bach in Taupo. And on the way back my mum and dad had a MASSIVE surprise for me and here it is... I was gonna get a dog. Anyway we were ~~nearing~~ ^{near} Otaki and dad turned to go on a bridge. I asked why are we going this way? My dad answered "Can't tell... It's top secret!" and I answered "okay". So we were driving along a cliff face and ~~about~~ ^{about} sheep were on the road. We ~~went~~ ^{went} towards them and they started running away. It was such a site all we ~~could~~ ^{could} see were the sheep. ~~But~~ ^{Finally} we arrived at the place. ~~By now~~ ^{By now} I ~~had~~ ^{had} figured out why we were there. As soon as I got out of ~~the~~ ^{the} car I went to play with the dogs. The father wouldn't leave me alone so just kept playing and patting him. Two or one hours later

my mum and dad ~~walked~~ ^{walked} out of the house and picked up a dog. The ~~woman~~ ^{lady} said goodbye and as I got in the car dad gave me the dog and said It's yours. And as we drove home the dog slept on my knees. And as we came ~~back~~ ^{back} the sheep were running away from the car. ^{again}

YEAR 4 - HIGH RANGE

A day I will never forget ~~is~~ ^{is} flying to ~~figgi~~ ^{Fiji}. First we had to drive to ~~figgi~~ ^{Auckland} Airport and that took a long time. Then we had to give them our bags so we did. Then we went up stairs and got a thick ~~shut~~ ^{shut} then we went through customs and we got some chips and dad said we have a long time but then a ~~Vicie~~ ^{Vicie} said every body flying to ~~figgi~~ ^{Fiji} should be on the plane. So we ran as fast as we could to the plane and gave them our passports then we were on the plane we got a activity book

that said some Fiji words we had lunch on the plane with I ~~did~~ ^{did} ~~not~~ ^{not} like only the chocolate cake. On the plane we saw the pink panther ~~Movie~~ ^{Movie}. Then before I new it we were on the main Island ^{in Fiji} we went to the Motel we stayed at for the night with had a big water slide. As soon as we unloaded I got in the pool and I meet two friends that were going to the same Island as us. In the morning for tea we had ~~spaghetti~~ ^{spaghetti} ~~toes~~ ^{toes} and we saw a movie.

A Day I'll Never Forget : Exemplars

YEAR 8 – MID RANGE

When I broke my hand,
It was a sunny day and a lot of
people ~~were~~^{were} outside playing. Some people
were playing basketball, ^{and some were} skateboarding, ^{and} biking.
~~People even~~^{People even} played tag. I saw heaps of people
playing so I decided to go outside
too. So I went outside with my
scooter and ~~was~~^{started playing on it}, then a kid
came up to me and said ~~would~~^{do} you
want to have a race with me
down the hill? and I said "yea
alright." So we went up the hill. ~~that~~
~~I~~ took us 5 minutes to get up
that ~~steep~~ hill. When ^{we} got to the top
we started counting down: "3, 2, 1, go!"
"AHHHHH" I screamed. It was so fast that
I couldn't see where I was going
because the wind was in my eyes.
Zoom! zoom!" As the cars go past ^{us}.
~~Suddenly~~^{Suddenly}..... I saw a ~~red~~ car
going onto the road from the
footpath so I pushed the breaks behind
me but it was going too fast.
~~and then~~ ~~a~~ ~~me~~ I slipped on a
rock that is nearly as big as two
thumbs put together. ~~then~~ ~~I~~ fell off
my scooter and landed on my
hand near my rock. After that I
~~started~~^{started shouting, really}
~~shouting~~^{shouting} and screaming ^{loudly} and
my ~~relatives~~^{aunties and cousins} called "M!" and the
ambulance came and took me
to the hospital.

And that is a
day that I will
Never forget.

YEAR 8 – MID RANGE

A Day I'll Never Forget

On the 13/11/05 it was my 12th birthday.
On that day my ~~five~~ friends came over
to my house and we had a party.
We play games and did ~~quizzes~~^{and} quizzes. We
went bowling. After bowling we had
~~food~~^{we had} to lots of food, ~~the~~ paiza, KFC
and ~~lots~~ lots more. The ~~eat~~ birthday cake
I had on that day was a ~~chocolat~~^{made with icing}
cake with a picture of a roster
on it because I was born on the year
of the roster and that year
was the gear of the roster as well.
After the food and the cake
my mum and dad give me
a ipod nano and a cell phone
for my ~~birthday~~ birthday ^{presents} present.
I'll never forget that day
because ~~of~~ the very nice
cake and the very cool
~~presents~~^{presents} that my mum and dad
give me on that wonderful day.



YEAR 8 - HIGH RANGE

It was ^aMonday. I crept out ^{of} my bed silently and began reciting my speech. Mum told me to fix up my errors, but I wasn't terribly fussed.

Mum dropped me off at school. I kissed her and said goodbye. "Good luck," she shouted.

When I arrived in class my teacher (Mr Hetairaka) shook my hand and said "good luck." He told me I could practise my speech at playtime. I couldn't stop thinking about all the people that would be there. My confidence just vanished and went away.

After playtime it was "go time." My mates tried to amp me up but they failed. I was just dead quiet. "Piri your up."

I was shivering, different emotions went through my head. I was confused.

There was just a blank look on my face.

I said some of my speech then all I heard was "Go, you can do it." And I just stopped. I forgot everything. Man I was embarrassed.

But then I carried on and it wasn't so bad. I made it through. I came off the stage as if a huge weight was lifted off my shoulders. I was done.

And that was a special day that I'll never forget in my whole entire life.

YEAR 8 - HIGH RANGE

My heart was filled with ^{anticipation} as my mum said we'll be climbing to the big Mt. Maniaia. It was nine o'clock as I had just finished my last gulp of bacon. Mum said we'll be going in ten minutes so get ready. I stuck my running shoes on and got my water bottle ready. "Right we're off" said mum in a rather loud voice. I was walking to the base which was about 1km away. I thought in my head I'm going to conquer this mountain to the very peak. Before you know it we are at the base of the Gally mountain. I said to my big brother Cole "race you to the top" he said "bring it on". He sprinted at start but I just jogged because I knew he'd run out of breath soon. I was about half way up I caught up to him and overtook him, you should of seen the look on his face. I couldn't believe it I was beating my big brother. Through rough rocks over ^{loose} those gravel but ^{finally} overcame. We got to the look out and of course I beat him. ^{We} We weren't quite at the top but we still had to rock climb a bit. ^{We} We got off the look out and went around a big bush I could see where we had to go. I felt the butter flys come in but I carried on climbing one more little rock to climb over done. I stuck my hand on the trig station ^I I've done it im at the top ^{I looked} at the view a day I'll never forget!.