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HAST Year 8 Entry Written Expression Practice Paper 1

Written Expression

2 writing tasks · answer ONE in the timed sitting · 25 minutes

How to use this booklet

- Choose ONE task. In the real HAST you respond to a single stimulus, so two are given here to practise different types of writing.
- Spend about 5 minutes planning, then write for about 15 minutes and leave 5 minutes to check. You are marked on thought and content, structure and organisation, and expression, style and mechanics, not on length.
- Use the second task for a second sitting. The worked solutions give a marking guide and an annotated model for both.

Task 1: your response

Write on these lines. There is no required length.

Task 1: your response (continued)

(5) An ending that shows a beginning.

The nest in the new tree answers the statement and closes the story.

A weaker opening and a stronger opening

WEAKER

Eli moved house. He was sad to leave his old home. He did not want to go but then he liked his new house.

STRONGER

On the morning of the move, Eli walked through every room one last time, touching the doorframes as though saying goodbye to old friends.

The stronger opening shows the ending through actions and objects. The weaker opening tells the whole story in flat sentences.

Check before you finish

- Does the story have a clear problem, a turning point and an ending that shows change?
- Have you shown feelings through actions and details instead of naming them?
- Does every sentence start with a capital letter and end with the right mark?
- Have you checked the spelling of the longer words you used?

LOS: Writing: creative: narrative

KEY TAKEAWAY

Use one object to carry the idea of an ending and let the last paragraph show the beginning.