

# Profile Writing

- All the hints given with the question should be developed into short sentences and arranged in the order they are given.
- Sentences should be arranged in a way to make a short paragraph.
- The paragraph should have an effective beginning and end.
- A title should be given. It can be the name of the person whose profile is created.
- {Note: the birth date should always be introduced in the simple past passive form – was born on (with a date and year – on 02 March 2000); was born in (with only month /or year - in March 2000). If the person is still alive, we can use the simple present tense to talk about his writing style etc. as ‘He writes in a...style’. Even when the author is dead, we use normally simple present tense to talk about his works, as ‘His works are...’

## Points to Remember:

- Give a title
- Effective introduction and ending
- well organised Details
- Uses of appropriate descriptive vocabulary
- Hints developed using appropriate detail
- Use proper linkers for connecting the ideas
- Use of appropriate language

## Practice Questions

Q 1: Prepare a profile of Vaikom Mohammed Basheer with the help of the hints given. [Birth: January 19th, 1908 at Vaikom, a princely state of Travancore; a novelist, story writer, freedom fighter; Funny stories in simple and open style; famous works: Balyakala Sakhi, Pathummayude Aadu, Mathilukal, Ntuppuppakkoru Aanendaarnnu, Janmadinam, Anargha Nimisham etc. the Padma Shri award in 1982; Bepore Sultan died on 05 July 1994.]

## **Vaikom Mohammed Basheer**

Shri Vaikom Mohammed Basheer was born on 19 January 1908 at Vaikom, a princely state of Travancore. He was a noted writer and a freedom fighter. He wrote novels and stories in a very simple and open language and in a funny style. His most famous works are Balyakala Sakhi, Pathummayude Aadu, Mathilukal, Ntuppuppakkoru Aanendaarnnu, Janmadinam, Anargha Nimisham etc. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1982. When he was 86, the Beypore Sultwan – so was fondly he called – passed away on 05 July

Q 2: Prepare a profile of WB Yeats using the hints given below. Use appropriate linkers wherever necessary.

- Birth: June 13, 1865 Sandy mount, Republic of Ireland.
- Spouse: Georgiana Hyde Lees
- Renowned as: Poet, dramatist, senator, founder of Abbey Theatre.
- Major Works: Celtic Twilight, The Tower, A Vision.
- Key traits: Symbolism, allusive imagery.
- Awards: Nobel Prize in literature, December 1923.
- Death: January 28, 1939.

## **W B Yeats**

William Butler Yeats was born on June 13, 1865 in Sandy mount, Republic of Ireland. His wife was Georgiana Hyde Lees. He was a renowned poet and dramatist. He was also famous a senator and the founder of the Abbey Theatre. His major works are Celtic Twilight, The Tower, A Vision etc. Symbolism and allusive imagery are the main important characteristics of his writing style. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in December 1923. Yeats passed away on January 28, 1939.

Q 3: Prepare a short profile of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie using the hints given below.

- Birth: September 15, 1977
- Nationality: Nigeria
- Education: Drexel University, University of Nigeria, Nsukka
- Known as: novelist, nonfiction writer, short story writer

- Awards: Caine Prize for African Writing, Booker Prize, etc.

## **C N Adichie**

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie was born on 15th September 1977 in Nigeria. She had her education in the University of Nigeria located in Nsukka and at the age of 19 she went to the United State to join Drexel University. She is a very popular novelist, non-fiction writer and short story writer. She started writing at the very early age of seven. She is a well-known speaker too. “The Danger of a Single Story” is a popular speech made by Adichie. This speech has become one of the top ten most-viewed TED talks of all time. She has won many awards including Caine Prize for African Writing and the very prestigious Booker Prize. She continues the journey of her literary life with all its zest.

# News report

A news report is similar to a newspaper article. It contains basic facts of a story that is currently happening or that just happened. A newspaper should bring to the reader the summary of the event/story, its expansion, comments etc. It should also have a particular style.

## Key features of a Newspaper Report.

Headline usually have only four or five words.

It tries to attract the interest of the reader by telling them what the story is about, in a short and interesting way.

Introduction- it will set the scene and summarize the main points of the article: who, what, when, where.

## POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Always put the important information on the first
- Answer who, what, where, when, How and who cares.
- Be open for ideas.
- Keep your sentence and paragraph short.
- The first paragraph of the script should have enough information to give a basic overview of the whole story
- Assemble all the facts
- Understand the grammar and words commonly used in news stories
- Organize the rest of your script by providing the background of the story
- Check the errors and rectify them
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## CHARACTERISTICS OF A NEWS REPORT

Catchy Heading -- to attract the readers

Brevity - Should be short

Third person narrative

Simple language --- easy to understand (Use of the past tense)

Divide the events logically into component ideas.

Major events, time, place, people involved, etc in the lead paragraph

First paragraph - shall give a brief idea of the news.

Main points are clearly stated and explained.

Other Paragraphs - News in detail

Ideas in sequential order - Logical presentation of evidence

Choose words appropriate for a news report.  
Pyramid style of presentation.

### **UNIT -1**

#### **Adventures in a Banyan Tree.**

#### **Snake and the Mirror.**

The news about the robbery that happened in the homeopath's house appeared in a leading daily. Write the likely news report.

### **UNIT iii**

Mr. John's selfless service to humanity was widely reported in the newspapers. What would the news report be? Write it?

Imagine that your school team has won 'A grade' in the skit competition held at the District level school kalolsavam. Prepare a news report on the achievement, giving relevant details.

### **UNIT IV**

Imagine that the news that Martha Salinas got the Scholarship Jacket and has been awarded at a function held at the School appeared in the next day's newspaper. Prepare the news report.

### **UNIT -V**

A news reporter comes to know about the sufferings of Vanka at Aliyakhin's house. He drafts a report to be published in the daily the next day. Prepare the likely new report.

# Writing a diary

Diaries are wonderful objects that allow you to discuss your emotions, record dreams or ideas, and reflect on daily life in a safe, private space.

Diary is a personal piece of writing. Diary is not writing daily routine, but write how incidents affected you. There is no need of writing complete sentences. It should reflect your mood, emotions and feelings. You may write how a particular incident, situations etc affected you.

Suppose you are asked to write the feelings of a character in your textual passage, you think of the situation. How that character acted in that particular situation. What might be the possible thoughts coming in to his mind. How that character thinks of others. What are the possible confusions he had? He may have a rethinking his handling of the situation / his future plans. Conclude with a remark / future plan of action.

## Process

- Recall the story, the character and the context.
- Fix the important events of the day.
- Express the feelings and thoughts of the character/
- Use first person narrative.
- Organise the ideas/content well
- Check the errors and appropriateness of the language.

Possible questions: -

UNIT -i Adventures in a Banyan Tree.

1. The boy was excited to see the thrilling fight between the snake and the mongoose. That night, he wrote his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely diary entry.

2. THE SNAKE AND THE MIRROR

1. The doctor in the story 'The snake and the mirror' writes about his strange experience in his diary. Prepare the likely diary entry.

UNIT -ii

UNIT -iii

1 Mr. John S easily recognises A.J.Cronin when he meets him on the deck of the ship. But Cronin cannot recognize John. What would Mr. John write if he made an entry in his diary on the events of the day? Write the likely diary entry.

2. Mrs. John was very excited on the day her husband Mr John met the doctor on board the ship. She writes her feelings in her diary. What would the diary entry be? Write it.

Adichie's visit to Fide's family was a great learning experience for her. After reaching home she jots down her feelings in a diary. Write the likely diary entry.

#### **UNIT -IV**

1. Martha felt very sad when she overheard the argument between Mr Schmidt and Mr Boone in the story 'The Scholarship Jacket'. What may be the diary entry of Martha?

2. Martha is so excited on getting the scholarship jacket that she decides to make a diary entry. What would she have written.? Prepare her likely diary entry.

#### **UNIT V**

Suppose Konstantin Makarich comes to know about the pathetic condition of Vanka from the letter he receives. He feels very sad and writes his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely diary entry.