

How to prepare write-up

What is a write-up?

Write up is a short article, which describes what a person thinks about an incident, a place, a character, etc. It may focus on a thorough analysis of the topic dealt with. A write up may contain a writer's opinion or point of view. Usually a write up starts with a striking idea. The supporting ideas may be sequenced logically. Use of Simple and clear language makes the write-up more attractive.

Sample question

Comment on the relevance and appropriateness of the title given to the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' and prepare a short **write up**.

What makes a good write-up?

- ▶ Begin with a striking idea/ a general statement.
- ▶ Define or explain the topic.
- ▶ Present the viewpoints, arguments, justification etc. logically in a paragraph.
- ▶ A conclusion stating writer's own opinion.
- ▶ Give a suitable title.
- ▶ Begin with a striking idea/ a general statement

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The word 'investment' is usually associated with banking and finance. People are usually curious to know about the ways of best investments and may easily get attracted to read the story.

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► A conclusion stating writer's own opinion

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Questions to practice

- ▶ 'The Best Investment I ever made' is the story of a timely help that saved and changed the life of a man. Do you agree with the statement? Justify your answer and Prepare a **write up on it**.

Answer

The best title

- ▶ The word investment generally means using money or property for a purpose from which one can yield more monetary benefits in future. Generally, people invest money seeking better fortunes. But at times a few invest for noble purposes.
- ▶ The story 'The Best Investment I ever made' by A J Cronin is a beautiful one that redefines investment. The story unveils how little goodness transforms one's life. AJ Cronin was the person who made least contribution to save the youth from the verge of suicide. The sergeant and the landlady had done their own part marvellously. Though they are simple, the interventions transformed the youth's life fantastically. Hoarding money is not a thing that makes us distinctive. Instead, spending money for the poor and destitute makes our life more meaningful. We have to make our life meaningful with good words and deeds. The story teaches us a good lesson that if we spend for the well-being of others, it becomes a better investment. It may not pay dividends in worldly goods, but will turn out to be immensely profitable. The author emphasizes that it would stand out against all the bad investments one had made throughout his life. Investments in banks and property produces only anxiety and disappointment.
- ▶ The satisfaction we imbibe in the services, helps and charity is the real profit we gain. Not to become selfish, but to be a man of generosity is the slogan we have to raise to declare ourselves as human beings.

Questions to practice:

- ✓ Living in harmony with nature is very essential to nourish our soul. In the light of the reading of the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' prepare a write up

- ✓ 'If I made some silly mistake and needed to run away, she should not be able to run after me and catch me!' The doctor in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' usually presents things in a humorous manner. Analyse the humorous elements in the story and prepare a write up describing how the humour adds to the beauty of the story
- ✓ Are films just a means of entertainment? Do you think films are instructional in nature? What are the functions of films? Based on your reading of the memoir 'Project Tiger' prepare a **write-up** on the role of films in our society.
- ✓ Ray and his crew faced many difficulties while shooting the scene with the tiger. Prepare a **Write-up** on post production hard works on the film making like, shooting, editing etc.
- ✓ The title 'The Danger of a Single Story' reflects the theme of the article effectively. Do you agree with this statement? Prepare a **write up** justifying your arguments.



Narratives



What is a narrative?

Narratives are the master of all language discourses. All stories are narratives but not all narratives are stories. It is any account of a series of related events or experiences, Narratives are presented through a sequence of written or spoken words, still or moving images, or any combination of these.

Have a look at the part of the story from 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree'

In the spring, when the banyan tree was full of small red figs, birds of all kinds would flock into its branches, the red-bottomed bulbul, cheerful and greedy; gossiping rosy pastors; and parrots and crows, squabbling with each other all the time. During the fig season, the banyan tree was the noisiest place on the road.

- ✓ Feel the visual and auditory images developed in the reader.
- ✓ Look at the types of sentences used.

It was an April afternoon. And the warm breezes of approaching summer had sent everyone, including Grandfather, indoors. I was feeling drowsy myself and was wondering if I should go to the pond behind the house for a swim, when I saw a huge black cobra gliding out of a clump of cactus and making for some cooler part of the garden. At the same time, a mongoose (whom I had often seen) emerged from the bushes and went straight for the cobra.

- ✓ Feel the involvement of nature in the description
- ✓ See how the cobra and mongoose are described – use of adjectives

From 'the best investment I ever made

'Excuse me, Doctor, I wonder if I might introduce myself.' He spoke almost breathlessly, offering me the visiting card he held in his hand and studying my face to see if the name meant anything to me. Then, as it plainly **did not, he**

went on with the same awkwardness. 'If you could spare a few minutes... my wife and I would like to have a word with you.'

- ✓ Look at the dialogues and responses
- ✓ Look at the thoughts of the characters

To write a narrative

- **We must use all the five senses to describe the setting, characters, and the plot of the story.**
- **When thinking about an event we have to conceive it in terms of senses. What do you see? What do you hear? What do you smell? What might you touch and feel?**
- **Using concrete description is better than that of abstract ideas.**

A Narrative is a spoken or written account of connected events it may be a story or an account of events, experiences, or the like, whether true or fictitious. a book, literary work, etc., containing such a story. the art, technique, or process of narrating, or of telling a story: Somerset Maugham was a master of narrative description. Basically, there are three types of narration: first person, second person, and third person. Each serves its own purpose.

Narratives are of three types

First Person Narrative

A first-person narrative is a mode of storytelling or a peripheral narrator in which a storyteller recounts events from their own point of view using the first person i.e. "I" or "we", etc. It may be narrated by a first-person protagonist, first person re-teller, first person witness

Second Person Narrative

Second person point of view uses the pronoun "you" to address the reader. This narrative voice implies that the reader is either the protagonist or a character in the story and the events are happening to them.

Third Person Narrative

The third-person pronouns include he, him, his, himself, she, her, hers, herself, it, its, itself, they, them, their, theirs, and themselves.

Sample question:

The young doctor A J Cronin Saved the life and helped a sum to start a new life to the young John, after reaching home the Mr Cronin narrated all the events to his wife. Write the likely narrative.

What makes a good Narrative?

- ▶ A suitable title
- ▶ Events are fixed and developed properly
- ▶ Message of the writing is conveyed effectively
- ▶ Sentence varieties used are suitable to the theme
- ▶ Proper beginning and ending
- ▶ Time and space of action is conveyed
- ▶ Sensuous imagery is meaningfully used
- ▶ The narrative is well-organised
- ▶ The choice of words is apt
- ▶ Creative and imaginative

Answer or sample answer

The rebirth of the young man

‘Who is that?’ I shouted at the door hearing the banging sound. Threw on some clothes and ran to the door. A blow of air rushed into the room when I opened the front door. ‘Excuse me sir, there is a Suicide case near the quarter, you may please come along with me’. The young police sergeant at stretch said in a polite accent. ‘Now at this odd hours!’ The sergeant kept quiet, and I followed him with quick steps. ‘Were you sure it was a real case?’ My wife interfered with her usual pattern. When I reached on the first floor an old woman in her night suit was walking up and down with her full anger. She might be the owner of the building. The young man was really sinking; the stinging smell of the paraffin gave the clue of the impending danger. ‘Please help me, hold him. I shouted at the sergeant and he readily began to assist me. Tough it was very cold outside one hour of complete resurrection made me and the sergeant wet with sweat. The groaning sound came out from the young man was the happy sign of rebirth. ‘What made you do such a blunter’?

The sergeant with his angry eyes shouted loudly at the young man. Hey, don't shout. Let him take his own time. I calmed the cope.

Questions to practice

1. One of the villagers, who witnessed the shooting of the film 'Goopy Gyne Bhaga Byne' at Notun Gram, returns home and narrates the incidents to his friends. Prepare the likely narrative.
2. Imagine you have witnessed all the events happened in the young homeopaths room. Narrate the events to one of your friends. Write the likely narrative.
3. "I could hardly believe my ears. I spoke in a trembling rush. 'Oh! Thank you, "sir suddenly I felt great". These words of happiness show how much the scholarship jacket means to Martha. Briefly narrate her story in your own words. You may use the hints given.

(Hints: wishes to get the scholarship jacket-works hard-overhears the conversation between Boone and Schmidt-principal asks her to pay for the scholarship jacket-grandpa refuses-finally awarded)

4. As we sat in Silence I could not but reflect that it was the best investment I had made in my life. It had paid me no dividends in worldly goods, but had turned out to be immensely profitable." Why does the narrator say so? Narrate in your words the events that led to this remark.

(Hints: The narrator meets a man on his way back from New York-he recounts an old incident-goes to attend one who had attempted suicide-young man saved-he later becomes a solicitor and a social activist-the meeting prompts the narrator to reflect on the best investment he had made)

5. Mr John's life underwent a complete change after his suicide attempt. Prepare a narrative describing the events his life.

Hints: An orphan ---looked after by his uncle ---/ victim of bad company ---Steals money ---tries to return money ---fails ---Suicide attempt---the Landlady Sergeant and the Doctor helps --- change --- becomes a Charity Worker.