

Answering Strategy

1. Text type and format – You are asked to write the first chapter of a story. The title of the story should be stated at the beginning. Suspense can be created at the end of the first chapter to encourage readers to read further.
2. Genre – It is a narrative and descriptive writing. You are expected to introduce the setting and the characters of the story, followed by the difficulties encountered by the characters as the rising action of the story. Climax or resolution is not a must as this is the first chapter of the story.
3. Language and formality – As a story, the style of it should be informal and the language can be straightforward with some figurative language, e.g. onomatopoeia and personification. The past tenses should be used in a story.
4. Organisation – A title should come before the content. The setting and the main characters should be introduced in the first paragraph. In the main body, describe the difficulties that need to be solved by the characters and how they try to tackle the difficulties. The chapter can be ended with suspense, e.g. the problems remain unsolved and what the characters plan to do next.
5. Topic and vocabulary – The theme of this story is mystery. You should have enough relevant ideas and vocabulary items for this topic. You can refer to the following ideas and vocabulary items.

Useful vocabulary items and expressions

Verbs / verb phrases

approach
console
detect
light
mow
mutter
ooze
peek into
turn out

靠近
安慰
察覺
點亮
割草
低聲說
滲出
偷看
結果是

gaunt face

lawn
nibble
scrumptious meal
territory

憔悴的面容
草坪
小吃
美味大餐
活動範圍

Adjectives

amateur
luxurious
rudimentary

業餘的
奢華的
初步的

Nouns / noun phrases

apartment
deduction skill
detective

公寓
推論技巧
偵探

Adverbs

dimly
gingerly
keenly

昏暗地
小心翼翼地
敏銳地