**Short Writing Task: A Picture Story**

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*Write a story about the above picture.*

*Write approximately 200 words.*

**END OF QUESTION**

**Marking Criteria\***

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| **Content** | * relevance (the narrative fiction is based on the picture or part of it) * evidence of creativity and imagination (how they develop the story from the picture) |
| **Language and Style** | * sentence structure * grammar and punctuation (e.g. consistent use of narrative tense) * vocabulary * register, tone and style |
| **Organization** | * coherence * paragraphing * cohesion between sentences and paragraphs |

* Based on the HKDSE draft descriptors for writing from *Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education, English Language, Standards-referenced Reporting Information Package*. Published by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (2009).

**Additional Resources**

Narrative essays - <http://www.infoplease.com/homework/writingskills4.html>

Narrative essays for ESL teachers - <http://www.eslflow.com/narrativeessay.html>

Writing opening lines - <http://litreactor.com/columns/the-top-10-best-opening-lines-of-novels>