**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)
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| **Language and Style** | * sentence structure
* grammar and punctuation (e.g. consistent use of narrative tense)
* vocabulary
* register, tone and style
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| **Organization** | * coherence
* paragraphing
* cohesion between sentences and paragraphs
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* 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>