

TASK ONE

Story time

The Department of English is running its annual story competition. We're giving away five prizes for the best stories from students in the department.

This year, the title of your story must be *My Nightmare Day*.

To enter, write about a nightmare day you've really had, or invent one. Send us your stories by the end of term. The winners will be announced after the holidays, and the best stories will be published on the website.



Now write your story. Write 140–180 words. Write three or four paragraphs. Include the following:

- A beginning
- The main events
- What happened in the end

**Useful phrases:**

*A nightmare day I remember was when...*

*One day, when I was...*

*The first problem was...*

*Another awful thing was...*

*What a nightmare!*

**Useful vocabulary:**

*after / although / because / but / so / when / then / in the end*

*furious / terrified / exhausted*

*boiling / freezing / pouring*

*filthy / disgusting*

*awful / terrible / dreadful*

*starving*

A large empty rectangular box for writing the story.

## TASK TWO



### My first home

Where did you grow up? What was it like? This month, Home Design magazine would like to hear about your first home.

Tell us about the first flat or house you lived in, and we will publish the most interesting next month. The best entry will win a prize of a home makeover!

**Now write your description. Write 140–180 words.  
Write three or four paragraphs. Include the following:**

- where it was
- what kind of house / flat it was
- how many rooms it had, and what they were like
- describe the local area

#### Useful phrases:

*walking distance from / a 5-minute walk from  
/ a short drive from / within walking distance*

*The neighbourhood was...*

*The views were (amazing)*

*It was a (beautiful) area.*

*I remember...*

#### Useful vocabulary:

*the country(side) / city centre / suburbs / a  
residential area / a village / a small town*

*a detached house / terraced house / cottage /  
farmhouse / block of flats  
ground / first / second floor*

*balcony / chimney / garage / garden / roof /  
steps / terrace / wall / path*

*upstairs / downstairs / inside / outside /  
nearby*

*breathtaking / ideal / magnificent / perfect /  
spacious / superb*

### TASK THREE

Capital TV is a television production company specializing in current-affairs programmes. We are looking for enthusiastic, ambitious, and creative people who want to make a career in TV production. There are opportunities in the following areas:

- Camera assistant
- Script assistant
- Research assistant
- Make-up assistant
- Set-design assistant

Appropriate qualifications are useful, but a positive attitude is more important. A good level of English is essential.

Send your CV and a letter of application to: Human Resources Manager, Capital TV, London, PO Box 7893



**Now decide which job you want to apply for and write a letter of application (NOT your CV). Write 140–180 words. Remember to include an address and the date.**

#### Useful phrases:

*Dear Sir / Madam*

*Dear Mr / Ms / Mrs...*

*I am writing in response to your advertisement for...*

*I am writing to apply for...*

*I am a qualified... / I have experience of...*

*I have been working as a (translator) for (3 years)*

*I enclose my CV as requested.*

*I look forward to hearing from you.*

*Yours faithfully (with Dear Sir / Madam)*

*Yours sincerely (with Dear Mr / Mrs)*

#### Useful vocabulary:

*experience / qualifications / training course / part-time / full-time / temporary / permanent*

*work for (a company) / work as (a teacher) / work in (an office)*

*responsible for / in charge of*

*at school / university / in my second year*

