

Real Writing – Y1, Unit 18

JUNGLE ADVENTURE

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This simple narrative is an example of a portal story with the character leaving home to go on a magical adventure using a magic phone. It is written in the past tense with time adverbials (*So, suddenly, after that* etc) used to help sequence events in the story. The first person is used, telling the story from the narrator's point of view.

Vocabulary

Grammar

Punctuation

Composition

A simple story opening has been used.

Sentences are punctuated using capital letters and full stops.

The character enters the new world!

One cold and wet Monday afternoon I was walking home from school. My magic phone started to ring.

'Someone is in danger!' I thought.

So, I pressed the button on my phone to make the adventure begin.

Suddenly, the sun was shining. It was so hot I had to take off my coat. There were trees all around me. Monkeys played in the branches. I saw colourful birds in the blue sky.

I was in the rainforest!

'Help!' called a boy who was trapped in a tall tree. There was a fierce jaguar trying to catch him.

'I'm coming!' I shouted. I flashed my phone torch to scare the jaguar. It ran away into the jungle.

'Thank you,' said the boy. 'I thought the jaguar was going to eat me.'

Adjectives are used to add description.



Capital letters are used for names of places and people.

Time adverbials are used to help sequence the story. Other examples used earlier in the text are: *So*, *Suddenly*.

Capital letters are used for days of the week.

‘What **country** are we in?’ I asked.

‘**Peru**,’ said the boy. ‘My name is **M**arco and I live in a **village** by the **mountains**.’

After that, we walked out of the rainforest. **Next**, we swam across a **river** to get to Marco’s village.

‘Here we are!’ said Marco. ‘Mami says you can come in for dinner. We are having spicy peppers.’

After dinner, my magic phone started **ed** to ring again.

‘Time to go home,’ I said.

I pressed **ed** the button and suddenly I was back in the rain on a cold **M**onday afternoon.

When I arrived home, Mum had made tea.

‘No thanks,’ I laughed. ‘I’m stuffed!’

The suffix **-ed** is added to words to create past tense verbs.

A happy ending with the character returning home.

