

Continuation Writing

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Free talk

Watch the video and discuss what the dog is like.



- sad
- pitiful
- cautious
- cute
- lovely
- faithful
- ...

How do you know?



How do you know?

The girl's action

- catch sight of...
- crouch
- touch...
- scratch...
- smile/laugh
- beam
- play with...
- hug
- ...



The dog's action

- sniff...
- lick...
- wag the tail
- stare at...
- jump/leap
- stand on the back legs
- trot
- rush
- ...

Reading

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Reading for basic information

Who	Parents, the boy, Poppy, a little dog
What	Parents and Poppy felt sad.
When	After the boy went to university
Where	At home
Why	The boy left for the university.
How	?

Reading for plot

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Sad departure



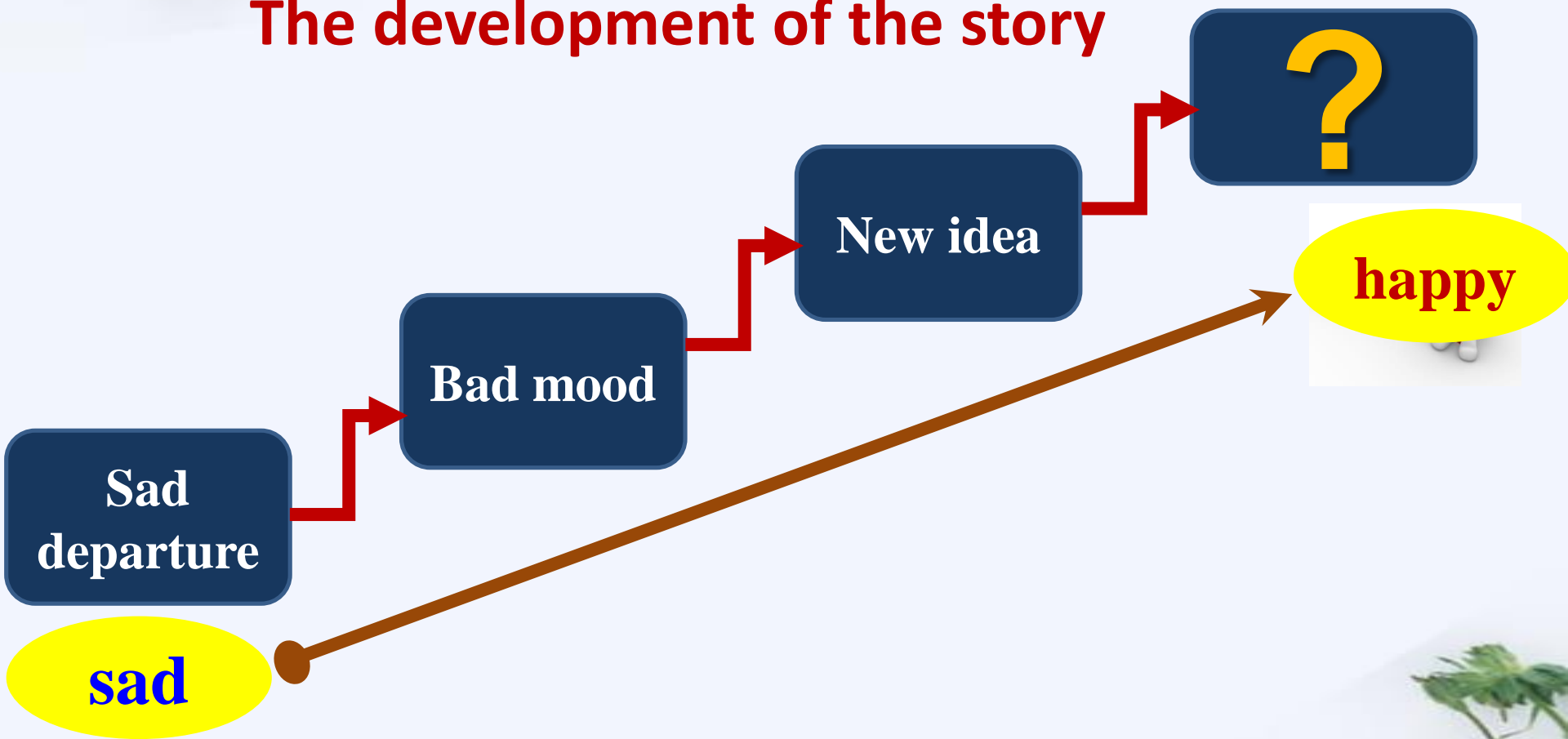
Bad mood



New idea



The development of the story



Tip1: Show a vivid scene of departure through subtle description of action.

← **unwilling/reluctant to separate**
Why did they feel sad at the boy's departure?

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Reading for language

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How were they in a bad mood?
in low spirits

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Reading for characters

Tip2: Understand the characters before writing.

The boy: grown-up/considerate

love

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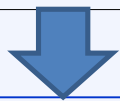
Parents: care for.../depend on...

love

Reading for theme

Tip3: Understand the theme before writing.

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Poppy: miss the boy/depend on the boy

Parents: got worried about Poppy



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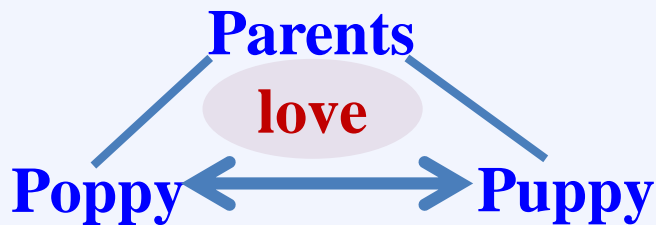


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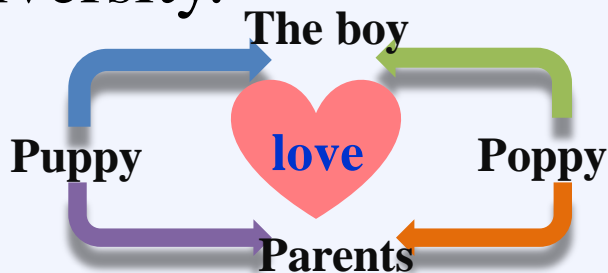
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- What was Poppy's reaction? How did Poppy feel?
- What about the little dog?
- What would the two dogs do?
- How did parents feel?
- ...

Para.2 A few weeks later, **the boy** arrived home from the university.



- Did Poppy still love the boy?
- What did the boy do when meeting Poppy?
- What was the boy's reaction to the puppy?
- What might parents do/say?
- ...

Writing

When writing, keep the following tips in mind.

Tip1: Try to show a vivid scene through subtle description of the characters' action or words.

Tip2: Try to understand the characters.

Tip3: Try to catch the theme before writing.

Tip4: Try to find as many hints as possible from the text.

Tip5: Read the last paragraph and the given sentences more carefully.

A possible version

Para.1 Dad opened the box and a sweet little dog appeared. Poppy stared at the puppy, surprised and excited. She approached cautiously, barked and then started to lick his face. The little dog jumped out of the box, wagged his tail and barked in a friendly way. He sniffed every corner of the new home, and then ran around Poppy, which brought great joy to the old girl. Watching the happy scene, Dad and Mom looked at each other, beaming proudly.

Para.2 A few weeks later, the boy arrived home from the university. As he entered the doorstep, Poppy trotted to him and got up on his back legs, trying to lick her old friend. The boy crouched, put his arms round Poppy's neck and scratched her behind the ears. Suddenly, he noticed a little head poke out of the kennel. He felt so puzzled that he turned to his parents. "We've got the puppy for Poppy. Now she is as cheerful as before." Mom chuckled with delight. "What a good idea!" The boy hugged both dogs, smiling.

—by Daisy

Thank you!

