

Continuation Writing

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Reading

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Read the title

Believe in **Miracles**

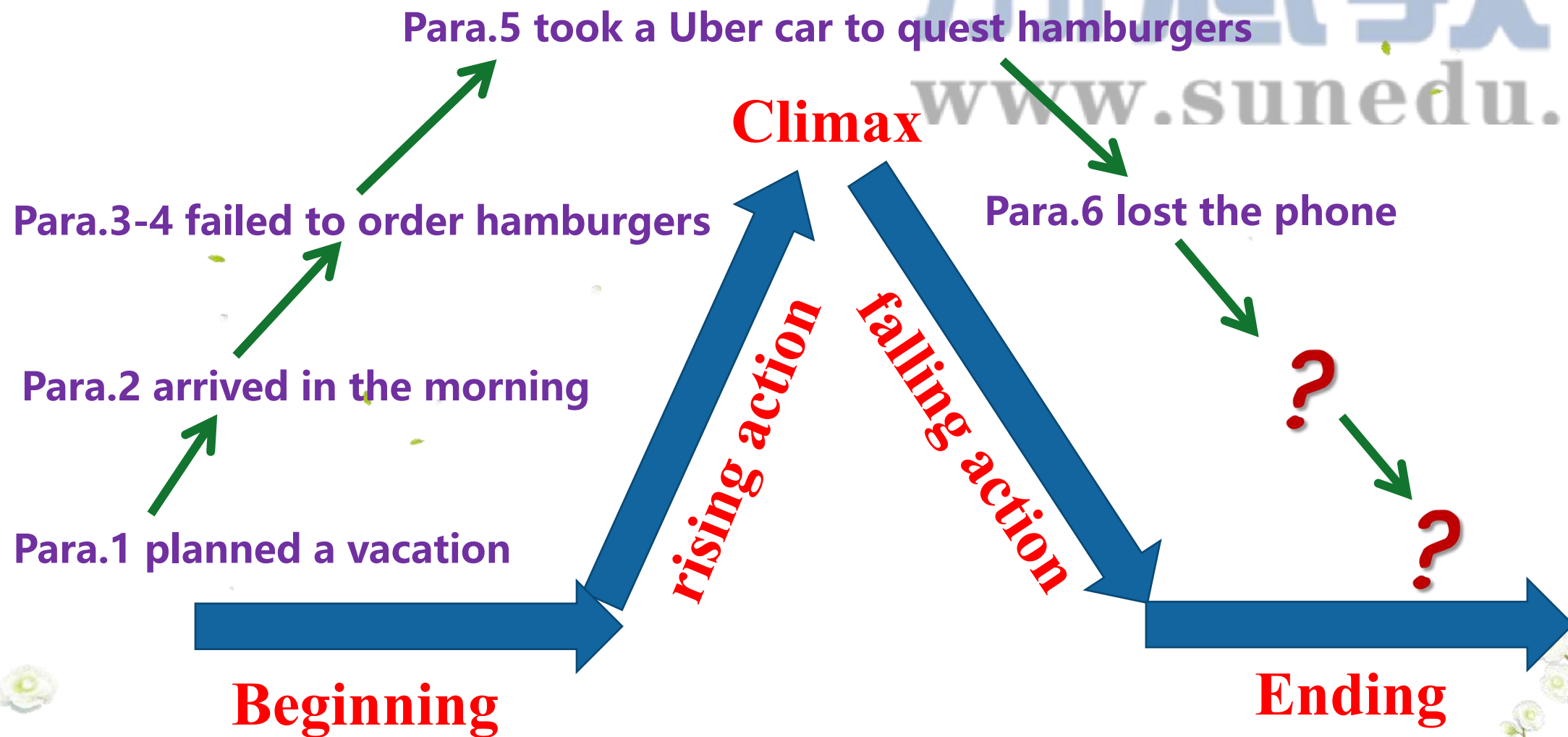
Theme?

kindness/goodness of stranger(s)



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Read the structure



3 Read detailed information

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winter: terrible storm, cold, wet

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lost the phone

4 Read given sentences

Para.1 I realized I had left it in the Uber car.

Used Annette's phone

How to order a car?

Took a car

How did we get there?

How did I feel?

by chance

Para.2 As we pulled into the parking lot, I suddenly saw our first Uber car.

prediction:

How did I feel then?

What did I do?

1.The driver knew there was a phone. ➡ He planned to return it.

2. The driver didn't know there was a phone. ➡ I found it on the seat

How to describe anxiety?

Adjectives

- **worried** 担忧的
- **anxious** 担心的, 焦虑的
- **upset** 心烦的, 沮丧的
- **depressed** 抑郁的; 沮丧的
- **frustrated** 懊恼的, 沮丧的
- **glum** 忧郁的; 闷闷不乐的
- ...

1 How to describe anxiety?

Expressions

- I felt my brain was like a scribble.
- A flutter of anxiety swept over my body.
- I scratched my head, standing there rooted to the spot.
- Worried and anxious, I stood there with a glum look on the face.
- I had never encountered such a case, so I didn't know what to do next.
- My mind was all confused, going round like a washing machine on fast spin.
- Thinking that there was so much crucial information in the phone, I sank into depression.
- ...



Writing

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How to echo the earlier text?

Earlier text

Continuation writing



Appreciating

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学生习作

点评：整体情节合乎逻辑，与段首句衔接合理，天气描写、心理描写比较自然，表达上有少许错误，但语言形式比较丰富，第二段的miracle与原文有所呼应，但文末似乎意犹未尽。另外该同学忘记了下划线，须引起重视。

I realized I had left it in the Uber car. But now I had hardly seen where the car was. Annette called my phone up at once, hoping the driver could hear the ringing. More worsely, no one answered it picked it up. The wind was roaring and coldness crept into my bones. Desperate, we gave up searching for restuarants to eat hamburgers and finally decided to return to our hotel by ordering another Uber car.

As we pulled into the parking lot, I suddenly saw our first Uber car. I opened the door of the car quickly, sprang to my feet and rushed towards the car. I shouted loudly and swang my arms so as to attract the driver's attention. Miracle had come to my way at the last moment. The car's window rolled down and the driver shot an astonished look at me. I explained the situation of my phone in a hurry and fortunately got it back.

Appreciating

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学生习作

点评：情节合理，第一段中有情节波动，与天气状况相吻合。与段首句的衔接自然，表达上有少许错误，但语言形式比较丰富。第二段用感叹句呼应标题miracle，但文末若能写到“汉堡”，情节会更完整。另外该同学的书写有待提高。

I realized I had left it in the Uber car. I was getting nervous and couldn't believe I was so ~~forgetful~~ ^{careless}. Fortunately, Annette's phone was still lying in her bag so she took it out to call another Uber car to go back ~~the~~ ^{to} hotel. However, due to the awful weather, no driver would like to pick up us. The sky became pitch dark, and my heart sank into depression. Finally, when Annette made a call again, we acquired a satisfying ~~response~~ ^{response} and the Uber car came quickly.

As we pulled into the parking lot, I suddenly saw our first Uber car. "My phone!" I yelled, jumped out the car and rushed to the Uber car, where my phone was left. He gazed at me for a while and seemingly recognized me. "Is it your phone?" I found it on the back seat. He asked, with his hands holding my phone. I exclaimed "yes" and thanks him with wild joy. What a surprising miracle it is! At ~~that~~ ^{this} moment, all my tiredness and anxiety were removed because ~~of~~ the finding of my phone.

Appreciating

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点评：第一段中“朋友没有手机”这事应该有所交代，否则情节漏洞太明显。语言表达上力求形式丰富，但非谓语作状语时应注意逻辑主语的准确使用。文末的miracle回应了标题，若能写到“汉堡”，情节将更完整。

韵+ My brain was like a scribble. ^{I had} having no idea about what to do next. Desperately, I closed my eyes, wishing it were just an awful dream. However, it did happen. Without the phone, I couldn't even order a Uber car. All we could do was to stay near the restaurant and pray if some car would pass by and take us back to the hotel. While waiting, I could clearly feel my legs trembling when strong wind slipped into my shirts and trousers. Finally, we had enough of the bad weather. It was at that moment ^{that} when we wanted to give it up when a car stopped, asking if a lift ^{was} (is) needed. Then, we left directly for the hotel.

韵+ My heart began to beat wildly. My happiness was just beyond description at that time, leaving all the anxiety behind. I rushed towards that car as fast as I could. When approaching, what surprised me greatly was that I found the driver was waiting for me with ^{the} phone in his hand. "I knew exactly how nervous you will be after losing it." Seeing him ~~driving back~~ ^{I felt my} tears suddenly welled up in my eyes. What a ^{miracle} miracle ^{it is} it was!

I realized I had left it in the Uber car. The car was long gone, and so was my phone. Worried and anxious, I stood there with a glum look on the face. Annette tried to comfort me as she took out her phone and ordered another Uber car. While waiting, I felt my mind was all confused. “What if my phone was taken by other passengers?” I muttered, sinking into depression. At that moment, the car arrived and drove us back to the hotel.

As we pulled into the parking lot, I suddenly saw our first Uber car. “Annette, that’s the car.” I yelled excitedly and rushed to it. The driver seemingly recognized me. “I spotted a phone on the back seat just now and was wondering how to get you. It is really a miracle.” he smiled brightly when he handed the phone to me. Holding the phone, I thanked him millions of times. Then he took us to another restaurant and we finally had hamburgers. Never had I ever eaten such tasty hamburgers.

Thank You!