



Worksheet

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LESSON 7A: WRITING A STORY

Story Vocabulary

Clear explanations + synonyms + examples from the story.

Verbs of Looking, Moving & Speaking

Word	Arabic Meaning	Synonym	Explanation	Example from Story
peered	حدّق بدقّة	looked closely	To look carefully at something	He peered curiously at me...
glanced	ألقي نظرة سريعة	looked quickly	To take a short, quick look	The old woman glanced at the man...
spotted	لاحظ / رأى	noticed	To see something suddenly	I first spotted him walking along the beach.
bellowed	صرخ بغضب	shouted	To shout in a loud, deep voice	'Stop!' He bellowed again.
yelled	صرخ بقوة	shouted loudly	To shout loudly because you are angry or excited	'Hey, stop!' he yelled .
muttered	تمتم	whispered softly	To speak quietly so people can't hear clearly	He was muttering into a phone.
raced	ركض بسرعة	ran	To run as fast as possible	... as the man raced towards her.
wandered	تجول بلا هدف	roamed	To walk without a fixed purpose	I had been wandering aimlessly around the city...

. Additional Key Vocabulary

Word	Arabic	Synonym	Explanation	Example
pounding	ينبض بقوة	beating	When your heart beats fast	My heart was pounding furiously...
toppling	يتهاوى / يسقط	falling over	To fall or tip forward	A crane... was toppling over some bricks.
grabbed	أمسك بقوة	seized	To take hold suddenly and strongly	Then, he grabbed her by the arm.
flooded (with	اجتاحني	overwhelmed	A strong emotional feeling	Shame flooded through me.

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Grammar Focus: Past Tenses in the Story

Sentences a–f with tense identification:

Letter	Sentence (from book)	Tense Used
a	<i>I turned round and saw the man in black.</i>	Past Simple
b	<i>My heart was pounding furiously...</i>	Past Continuous
c	<i>The day had started so well.</i>	Past Perfect Simple
d	<i>I had been wandering aimlessly around the city...</i>	Past Perfect Continuous
e	<i>He was wearing a black suit and tie...</i>	Past Continuous
f	<i>The old woman glanced at the man and stopped...</i>	Past Simple

Functions of Sentences a–f

Function	Meaning	Correct Letter
1	Describing ongoing background action	e / d / b
2	Event in progress interrupted by single action	b (man racing vs. the narrator reacting)
3	Action completed before a time in the past	c
4	Single completed action in past	a / f
5	Action in progress up to a point in past	d

Negative Inversion Example

From the last paragraph:

No sooner had the man pulled the woman away than the crane crashed to the ground.

Used to add **emphasis** and show the two actions happened **quickly one after the other**.

Definitions (Task 6)

Match based on the story vocabulary table:

Definition	Word	Arabic Meaning
1. Look closely and carefully	peered	حدّق بدقّة
2. Take a quick look	glanced	ألقي نظرة سريعة
3. Notice something / someone	spotted	لاحظ / رأى
4. Shout angrily in a deep voice	bellowed	صرخ بصوت عالٍ وعميق
5. Shout loudly	yelled	صرخ بقوة
6. Speak very quietly	muttered	تمتم / همس بصوت منخفض
7. Go quickly / run fast	raced	ركض بسرعة
8. Walk casually without direction	wandered	تجوّل بلا هدف

Adverb Position (Watch Out!)

Correct sentence order:

1. **He yelled loudly in my ear.**
2. **She stared blankly at him for several seconds.**
3. **They worked very hard all day in the factory.**
4. **I sat patiently on the bench for over two hours.**

Writing Tips

To write a good story:

- ✓ **Use an interesting title**
- ✓ **Begin in the middle of the action**
- ✓ **Use different past tenses**
- ✓ **Use time expressions** (before, after, first)
- ✓ **Use direct speech**
- ✓ **Use negative inversion** for emphasis
 - *No sooner had...*
 - *Hardly had... when...*

8. Writing Task

Write a story starting or ending with the sentence:

□ *“Malak hadn’t imagined that her day would be a disaster.”* □

Use the Graphic Organizer to plan:

- Setting
- Characters
- Main problem
- Sequence of events
- Resolution

Below is a **model story** that **follows the Lesson guidelines exactly**:

- starts in the middle of the action
- uses **past simple, past continuous, past perfect, and past perfect continuous**
- includes **direct speech**
- contains **negative inversion**
- uses vocabulary from the unit (peered, glanced, spotted, muttered, raced, wandered, bellowed, yelled)
- follows the structure + style of the model story (“The Man in Black”)

MODEL STORY

“Malak hadn’t imagined that her day would be a disaster.”

Malak hadn’t imagined that her day would be a disaster.

a She was standing in the middle of the crowded street, staring helplessly at the bus disappearing around the corner. Her bag – with her wallet, homework, and phone – was still inside. She **yelled**, “Wait! Stop!” but the driver didn’t hear her.

b My heart was **pounding** furiously as I ran after her. We had been **wandering** around the city earlier, taking photos and enjoying the weather, completely unaware of the chaos that was about to happen. The morning had started so well.

c Ten minutes before all this, Malak had **spotted** a man in a grey coat standing suspiciously close to us. He **peered** at us from behind a newspaper, then **muttered** into his phone. She had **glanced** at him but didn’t think much of it, and we continued walking.

d Suddenly, Malak gasped. “My bag... it’s gone!” she cried. Only then did we notice the same man **racing** through the street with her bag in his hand. “Hey! Come back!” she **yelled** as she chased him.

e No sooner had she started running than the man darted across the road and vanished into a narrow alley. With my back to the wall, I waited and tried to listen. For a moment, everything felt hopeless.

f Then something unexpected happened. A construction worker stepped out of the alley holding Malak’s bag. “Looking for this?” he asked. As he explained, he had seen the thief trying to hide it behind a pile of bricks. He had grabbed it and scared the man off.

Malak let out a long breath of relief as she hugged the bag tightly. She glanced at me and laughed nervously. “Maybe today wasn’t a complete disaster after all,” she said, smiling for the first time that day.