Year 5, English, Writing Grade C

Begin the Search Narrative

'It was time to begin the search'. Students were asked to write a story that included this idea. The search could be for a thing they had lost, a person, a place, or something they wished to achieve.

They had five minutes for planning, 30 minutes to write the story, and five minutes for proof reading and editing the story at the end.

Students had not seen the question before the time allocation commenced and there was no discussion or elaboration of the task. They completed the writing under test conditions.

Grade Commentary

In this exemplar, the student:

• sequences events effectively to create a simple narrative.
• produces basic orientation, simple complication and resolves story effectively.
• suggests a sense of character through narrative voice.
• attempts to engage the reader through use of narrators.
• links ideas and makes connections to aid reader.
• uses personal experience as a resource to writing.
• uses sentence punctuation, including capitals for nouns and commas for ease of reading.
• spells most common and difficult words accurately (eg again, lollies, annoyed).
What To Buy?

On Sunday, it was my birthday. My Nanna and Grandad gave me 20 dollars. Then on Saturday, it was my birthday party. I invited all my friends (including me), so that makes 40. Most of my friends gave me money. When my friends went home, I added up all my money. I figured out I had enough to buy a lipstick! I love my brothers lipstick, and really want one of my own. It was time to begin the search for my very own lipstick.

So I annoyed my mum so much she took me to Shop one. It was time to begin the search. I wanted a pink one but didn’t have that colour. We tried Shop two but no luck. Shop three didn’t have it, but I was more than I expected so we went home.

On Sunday I was just thinking about what to buy. I thought I should spend it all on lollies when I thought about Shop four. There on the shelf was the last lipstick. It was pink! It was perfect! It was really cheap! I still had money left over. It was time to begin the search again this time for lollies.