

Make a story



A description of an event

I can describe an event.



1 **SPEAKING** Describe the photo. What is the boy planning to do? Use the words below to help you.

bathroom fake spider play a prank put scare



predict

OPPOSITES



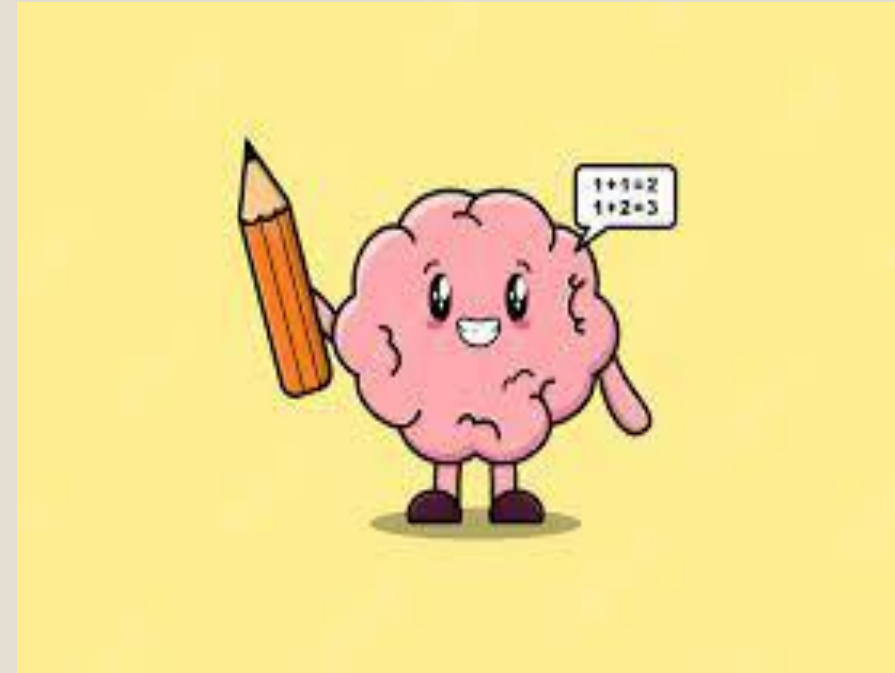
kind



cruel



Childish



clever

Play a prank



chase



disguise



suspect



Own up (V) take responsibility.



2 Read the descriptions of two events and check your ideas for exercise 1. What do you think of each prank? Use the adjectives below or your own ideas.

childish clever cruel funny predictable



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Tell us about pranks you played on friends or family members!

Dave338



When I was about nine years old, I bought an enormous plastic spider from a joke shop. It looked very real and had really long legs. I couldn't wait to play a prank on my sister with it. One morning, I put it in the shower just before my big sister went into the bathroom. I waited outside the door. I heard a really loud scream and my sister ran out of the bathroom. I thought it was really funny, but for her it was a terrifying experience! When she found out that I put the spider there, she was really cross and chased me round the house. I feel bad about it now, because I didn't realise just how afraid of spiders my sister is. It took her ages to get over it because she was so shocked!

Kate44



Last February, I sent my brother a Valentine's card. He's quite shy and he didn't have a girlfriend. In the card, I wrote 'Be my Valentine! With love from ???' and I tried to disguise my handwriting. When he opened it, he looked carefully at the writing, and I thought for a moment he realised it was from me. But there was a girl in his class who he liked, and he thought the card was from her. He seemed really pleased about the card. In fact, he decided to ask her out, and now they're going out! Eventually, he mentioned the card to her and she said she didn't send it. He immediately suspected me, so I owned up. He was a bit cross, but he forgave me because of the happy ending.

1-why did Dave fell bad about something he did?

2-Did kate's brother forgive his sister?

Writing Strategy

When you write a description of an event, remember to say how you and other people felt at the time and how you all reacted to the events. This will make your anecdote come to life and engage the reader's interest.

- 3 Read the **Writing Strategy**. Match the adjectives below with people in the stories (A–D). Say when and why they felt that way.

amused angry (2 people) anxious
frightened guilty pleased (2 people)

- A Dave _____ Amused _____
B Dave's big sister _____ Angry , frightened , guilty _____
C Kate _____ Anxious , pleased _____
D Kate's brother _____ Angry , pleased _____



LEARN THIS! Phrasal verbs and register

- a Phrasal verbs consist of a verb + one or two particles (e.g. *at, down, in, on*, etc.).
- b Phrasal verbs are usually less formal than verbs with a similar meaning.
request – ask for discuss – talk about replace – put back

- 4 **VOCABULARY** Read the **Learn this!** box. Find four phrasal verbs in the forum posts that mean the same as words a–d.

Phrasal verbs and register

- a discover find out
- b recover from get over
- c examine look carefully at
- d confess Own up

You played a prank on a friend or family member. Write a forum post for an internet forum called 'Own Up!'

- Give a short description of the prank.
- Say how your friend or family member reacted.
- Describe your feelings at the time.
- Say whether you feel bad about it now, and why / why not.

5 Read the task above. Make notes using one of the ideas below, real information or your own ideas.

- put salt on someone's ice cream
- put a fake mouse in a kitchen cupboard
- glue some coins to the classroom floor

6 Write your forum post.

CHECK YOUR WORK

Have you ...

- used adjectives to describe how people felt?
- checked the spelling and grammar?