Teacher notes

Once upon a time...

Language point
Narrative tenses

Aim
To practise writing a story

Activity
Students use random words to write a story.

Organization
Pair work or group work

Preparation
Make one copy of the activity.
Cut up the words.

What do I do?

1 Put students into pairs or groups.
2 Groups pick five words at random.
3 Groups write a story containing the five words and using narrative tenses.

Optional

Give students the first and/or last sentence of the story, e.g. “It was a cold, stormy night...” or “It was love at first sight...”
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