

写作策略：以文体多样、内容丰富的专题文化短篇(Reading across cultures)为摹本，通过明确清晰的指导，引导学生一步步掌握有效的写作技巧。

Guided writing

Writing a narrative

A narrative often describes a past situation or experience and a sequence of events which sometimes lead to a change.

1 Look at the functions of the sentences from the first section of the passage in Reading across cultures.

- Describe your feelings or lifestyle in the past.
This time last year I was nervous about my new life.
- Give more information about your feelings or lifestyle when you first arrived at college.
At first I worked all the time ...
- Describe how something changed.
But then I realized I was missing out on so many other things at university.
- Describe why the change happened.
One day a girl in my hall of residence invited everyone in the dorm to a dinner party ...
- Describe how life is today.
I've got to know lots of interesting people and I now enjoy myself as well as study hard.

Now look at the other two sections and see how they show the same functions.

This time last year ... / When I first arrived at

university A narrative of the past experience usually begins with these expressions of past time.

at first / at the time It then introduces some specific examples. We can sometimes introduce these examples with expressions or clauses which draw attention to the past situation and which also suggest that something is about to change.

but / however / suddenly When the change occurs, we usually draw attention to it with these words.

One day ... When we describe why the change happened, we can use some more specific expressions of past time.

now / today We often finish with a summary of the present situation or experience. We can use the present perfect or present tenses.

Notice that all of these expressions usually come at, or close to, the beginning of the sentence.

2 Think about learning to live at college in China and write a short passage.

- Describe your feelings or lifestyle in the past.
Three months ago I was ...
- Give more information about your feelings or lifestyle when you first arrived at college.
I missed my family, and ...
- Describe how something changed.
But then I understood that ...
- Describe why the change happened.
One day a group of friends suggested we ...
- Describe how life is today.
Now I've lots of new friends and ...

