

Writing A story (1)

Linking ideas

- Look at the picture. Who are the people? What do you think the story is about?
- Read the story of the farmer and his sons. Complete the moral at the end.
- Where do the following sentences fit in the story? Write a–f in spaces 1–6.
 - as soon as their father had died
 - who had worked hard in his vineyard all his life
 - what their father had meant by the great treasure
 - and while they were working they thought about what their father had said
 - because they felt that all their hard work had been for nothing
 - Soon they had dug up every inch of the vineyard
- Read the next story. Who are the people in the picture?
- Complete sentences 1–9 with the linking words from the box.

before as soon as while
during when but
However, so who

- Rewrite the story. Add more detail to make it more interesting. Begin like this:
There was once an old emperor who lived in an enormous, golden palace in the middle of the city, Ping Chong. He had three beautiful daughters, but unfortunately no son ...
- Write a folk tale or fairy story that you know. Write about 200 words.
Begin: **There was once ...** or **Once upon a time, there ...**
End: **... and they lived happily ever after.**

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The Farmer and his Sons

There was once an old, dying farmer ¹_____. Before he died he wanted to teach his three sons how to be good farmers. So he called them to his



bedside and said, 'My boys, I have an important secret to tell you: there is a great treasure buried in the vineyard. Promise me that you will look for it when I am dead.'

The sons gave their promise and ²_____, they began looking for the treasure. They worked very hard in the hot sun ³_____. They pictured boxes of gold coins, diamond necklaces, and other such things. ⁴_____.

But they found not a single

penny. They were very upset ⁵_____. However, a few months later, the grapes started to appear on the vines and their grapes were the biggest and best in the neighbourhood and they sold them for a lot of money.

Now the sons understood ⁶_____ and they lived happily ever after.

The moral of this story is: "Hard work brings _____."

The Emperor and his Daughters

- There was once an emperor _____ lived in a palace.
- He had three daughters _____ no sons.
- He wanted his daughters to marry _____ he died.
- He found three princes. _____ his daughters didn't like them.
- They refused to marry the princes, _____ the emperor became very angry.
- He said they must get married _____ they were 16 years old.
- The three daughters ran away _____ the night and found work on a farm.
- They fell in love with the farmer's sons _____ they were working there.
- They married the sons _____ they were 16.

