**Writing Personal Narratives**

**Writing** the Lead

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**Write a lead.**

Read each lead-writing strategy. Then write an example of your own.

The first sentence in your narrative should grab the reader’s attention. It is called a lead. The following strategies will help you write an effective lead.

1. Start in the middle of the action:

I thought I was ready when I arrived at our school’s auditorium.

1. Start with dialogue:

“Just wait a little longer,” said my grandpa.

1. Start with an interesting fact or statement:

When Manny came to my school, I didn’t expect to become best friends.

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