

BIG IDEAZ JUNIOR WRITING ACADEMY NOTES

MODULE 1 – Story Planning

Lesson 1 – Planning A Story With 5W1H

Why Plan?

Planning helps us to organise our thoughts before writing.
Do not just write whatever comes to our mind.

Planning with 5W1H



1. Who?

- Jason, Adrian and Dexter

2. Where?

- along a deserted street

3. When?

- a hot and humid afternoon / after school

4. What? How? Why?

- abusing a stray cat / throwing tin can and rocks at it
- feeling bored / exhilarated / giggling / laughing
- mischievous / wanted to have fun / challenge

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Example

When? Who?
It was a hot and humid afternoon. Jason and his
neighbours, Adrian and Dexter, were feeling bored after school. They decided to go
How?
for a walk around the neighbourhood.
Where?

What?
As they were strolling and chatting, they came to a
Where? How?
deserted street. Something caught their eyes and immediately, Jason's face lit up
with glee. It was a stray cat.

What?
(Describing Actions)
“Hey, look at this!” Jason whispered to Adrian and Dexter as
he picked up a tin can from the floor. He aimed the tin can at the stray cat and
threw it with all his might.

What ? How ?
(Describing Actions and Feelings)
Crash! The tin can hit the stray cat and it meowed loudly in pain. Adrian and Dexter
How? What?
giggled mischievously. Soon, the three boys were throwing rocks and pebbles at the
poor cat.

What Have We Learnt?

In this lesson, we have learnt a simple way to plan before we write.
You can remember it by 5W1H
The 5 W stands for who, where, when, what, why and the 1 H is how.
Use 5W1H to help you think about your story and plan it before writing.