

LITERACY WITH THE LIONESSES:

Resources for schools to encourage reading and writing during the UEFA Women's Euro 2017

Write a story about an exciting football match

Objective: to develop a piece of narrative, stage by stage

Here is a story starter sentence...

"As the whistle blew, the crowd waited to see if the girl would get up from the tackle."

What mood or feeling does it create? Who is the girl? What might happen next?

Exercise 1 Add sample adjectives and adverbs to improve this simple sentence and capture the interest of your reader.

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Exercise 2 Write your second sentence. This is a good time to show whose point of view the story is from, by introducing a first-person or third-person narrator.

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Exercise 3 Develop your main character's personality with a spider diagram. You can use this one, or draw your own and make up your own questions if you prefer.

What thoughts are circling in her head?

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Memorable quote

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What does she need to hold on to?
Who/what would be considered her
'right-hand' woman?

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What is her weakness?

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Who or what has helped shape her
life up to this point?

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What significant events has she experienced?

How does she see the world?

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What burdens does she carry?

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What does she care about most?

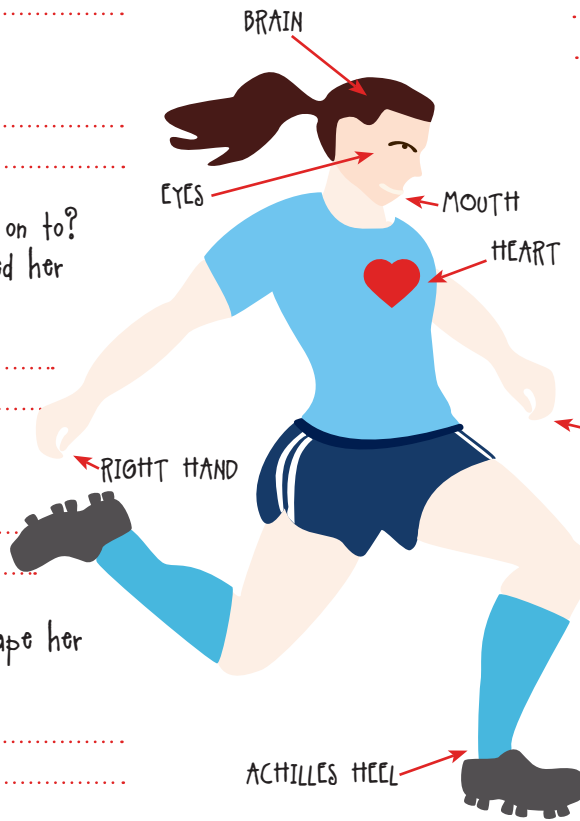
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What has she 'left' behind?

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THE ROAD-lifeline

Exercise 4 Decide in your writing how the story develops. Think of three points for each paragraph that bring to life details about your main character. Can you think of a surprise ending?

Paragraph 1

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- 3.....

Paragraph 2

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....

Paragraph 3

- 1.....
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Paragraph 4

- 1.....
- 2.....
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Paragraph 5

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....

Now write a story expanding on each paragraph using descriptive detail and dialogue.