

Strategy 3

Use a narrative (short story) in a paragraph to explain your ideas.

A **good, interesting narrative** tells the events about something that happened one time (not every day).

Exercise 22:

- Write **Good Narr** next to the *three paragraphs* that tell the events of a story.
- Write **Not Narr** next to the *three paragraphs* that do **not** tell the events of a story.

- _____ 1. A second positive effect that pets have is that the owners can meet new people through their pets. Robert Kramer was 65 when his wife died. For the first year after her death, Robert was very lonely because he had few opportunities to meet new people. One day, a neighbor who was going on vacation asked Robert to take care of her dog. He agreed to do that and one day took the dog for a walk in a park. During the walk, he met a 60-year-old widow who was also walking her dog. Soon, they became good friends and eventually got married.
- _____ 2. A second positive effect that pets have is that the owners can meet new people through their pets. Some owners take their dogs to the local park in order to get exercise. While enjoying the fresh air and activity, they have a chance to socialize with other owners and pets.
- _____ 3. It is common for young people to try to travel abroad without spending a lot of money. To do this, they often stay in hotels that are cheap but sometimes dangerous. Whenever I traveled, I was always worried about a thief stealing my money from my inexpensive hotel room while I was sightseeing. I finally discovered that a good way to hide my money in my room was to put it in a plastic bag and then put it in the water tank behind the toilet.
- _____ 4. It is common for young people to try to travel abroad without spending a lot of money. To do this, they often stay in hotels that are cheap but sometimes dangerous. One hotel I stayed at in a big city was only \$20 a night. As soon as I entered the room, I realized why it was so cheap. The room was dirty and the lock on the door was broken. I had a lot of money with me because I had just started my trip. I decided to hide it in the room, while I went sightseeing for four hours. When I arrived back at my hotel room, I noticed my door was slightly open; someone had entered my room and looked through my backpack. Fortunately, they didn't find my money. I had taped it to the wall behind a picture above the bed.
- _____ 5. Although there are some advantages to working, women who have small children sometimes suffer from some disadvantages, too. Some of these mothers have a difficult time balancing their professional lives and home lives. I read an article about a woman named Jennifer, who was a music teacher and a mother of a two year-old son and three year-old daughter. One day she was late for work. Usually on the way to work, she drops off her daughter first at her day-care center and then drops off her son at his baby-sitter's. However, this day, without thinking, she switched the order. In other words, she absentmindedly dropped off her son first. After dropping off her daughter, she expected to see her son waiting in the back-seat of the car, as usual. When she noticed that he wasn't there, she panicked. She was sure that he had left the car and walked off into a nearby forest. She called the police and soon a helicopter was looking for her son. For three hours, the police and 100 volunteers searched the forest. Finally, she remembered that she had already dropped her son off at the baby-sitter's. After her mistake was discovered, she felt relieved but terribly embarrassed.

_____ 6. Although there are some advantages to working, women who have small children sometimes suffer from some disadvantages, too. Some of these mothers have a difficult time balancing their professional lives and home lives. Although many husbands these days say that they want their wives to work and that they will try to help with household duties, very often, they don't do enough. The wives still have to do the majority of household duties in addition to their jobs. Many of them spend over eight hours at work and six hours taking care of their children and the household every day. They have little time to relax.

Exercise 23:

- Choose two topics from the box below.
- Write a paragraph for both topics. Include a narrative (a short story which happened one time) in each.

Topics

- trying to lose weight
- learning a second language
- good teachers and bad teachers
- secrets
- cheating
- sleep
- ending a relationship with a boyfriend/girlfriend
- (You choose a topic)
- finding a job / apartment
- movies
- computers / Internet / electronic devices
- illness
- money
- old people