

Part Two

1. Is there any kind of writing that you enjoy in school?
2. What's the hardest part about writing for you? What's the easiest?
3. Is there anything you've learned to do that makes writing easier for you?
4. Do you ever feel embarrassed when other kids look at things that you've written?
5. If you were having trouble writing a report, what could you do?
6. Have you used a computer for writing? Has this made writing easier for you? Are there problems for you in using a computer?
7. You need muscle coordination for writing, for playing sports, and for doing art or fixing things. Which of these things do your muscles work well for and which are problems for your muscles?
8. What does a kid have to be good at to write well?

Source: Levine, M. *Educational Care: A System for Understanding and Helping Children with Learning Differences at Home and in School*. Cambridge, MA: Educators Publishing Service, 2002, pp. 321-323.

One day on summer of 2004 my parents told me that we were going to Miami. Then me and my brothers started to pack our things so we could leave already. We were so happy because we had never gone to Miami before. My dad went outside turned on the car, packed our things, and off we went to Miami.

Later that day we arrived at Miami already. It took us about 20 hours to get there. My mom and dad rented a hotel near the beach. Me and my brothers wanted to go to the beach already and go swim and play in the beach. My parents said no because we had to get some sleep. After we wake up my brothers and I put on our clothes and went to the beach to go swim and play. When we were in the beach it felt good because you could feel the sand and water going between your toes. The water was blue you could see what was under water. It felt good. We stayed in Miami for a week and shopped for clothes and we ate seafood it was good to.

After the week was over it was time to leave. Me and my brothers did not want to leave. Then when we were leaving my mom told us we would come again. My dad wanted us to have fun and we did.

Figure 7.3 Sample Narrative Writing Response

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imagery (you could feel the sand and water between your toes), much of the development remains superficial. (We stayed in Miami for a week and shopped for clothes and we ate seafood). The overall fluency is weakened by the run-on sentences and frequent awkward wording (Then me and my brothers started to pack our things so we could leave already...).