



Nim's Island

Wednesday 20th January

Please make sure you have completed yesterday's work before doing this lesson.

Today we will write the next section of the story. Let's start by looking at the original.

After two hours she had a black-and-blue thumb and a pile of coconut for lunch. And one unsmashed coconut.

The first sentence (underlined in blue) tells us that Nim's plan didn't work and she has been having a hard time.

The second sentence (underlined in green) tells us one thing that is good. It contrasts with the bad things in the first sentence.

To write your own version, you need to think about what Nim is going to make the raft from in your own version of the story. You'll copy the features used but change the details to fit your idea.

Fronted adverbial of time

Two things that
haven't gone well

After two hours she had a black-and-blue
thumb and a pile of coconut for lunch. And one
unsmashed coconut.

And... one thing that is
good

Here's my example:

(Remember, in my version of the story Nim is going to make a raft out of tree branches.)

Fronted adverbial of time

Two things that haven't gone well

After several long hours, Nim had aching, sore hands and a heap of cracked and splintered branches. And one strong branch that she hadn't broken.

And... one thing that is good

Your turn!

Remember to stick with the idea that you visualised yesterday.

You might need to try several different versions with different words before you come up with a piece of writing that you are happy with.

Fronted adverbial of time

Two things that
haven't gone well

A large white rectangular box with a blue border, containing three horizontal blue lines for writing. A blue line points from the text 'Fronted adverbial of time' to the top left of the box. Another blue line points from the text 'Two things that haven't gone well' to the top center of the box. A third blue line points from the text 'And... one thing that is good' to the bottom right of the box.

And... one thing that is
good

CHECK:

Have you started the first sentence with a fronted adverbial of time?

Have you written two things that haven't gone well?

Have you started the second sentence with 'And'?

Does the second sentence contain one good thing?

Does your writing fit with what you wrote yesterday?

Have you checked your spelling? (Remember the -ed suffix for past tense verbs.)