Lesson 21 — Writing a Story

Name: _____ Class: 8 ____ Date: _____

30 useful words and phrases. Read each item, study the Uzbek meaning and the example sentence, then do the exercises.

A. Parts of a story

#	English	Uzbek	Example sentence
1	**a title**	sarlavha	Think of a short, funny **title** for your story.
2	**quote marks**	qo‘shtirnoq	Put the words people say in **quote marks**.
3	**the beginning**	boshlanishi, boshi	At **the beginning** of the story, two boys are playing chess.
4	**the ending**	yakuni, oxiri (hikoya, film)	I didn’t like **the ending** of the film — it was too sad.
5	**a happy ending**	baxtli yakun	Most children’s stories have **a happy ending**.
6	**the reader**	o‘quvchi, kitobxon	A good title makes **the reader** want to read the story.
7	**extra information**	qo‘shimcha ma’lumot	Add some **extra information** about the weather and the place.
8	**similar**	o‘xshash	My story is **similar** to yours — my cat broke a cup too.

B. A game, a joke and a terrible mess (p. 30)

#	English	Uzbek	Example sentence
9	**a terrible mess**	dahshatli tartibsizlik, ag‘dar-to‘ntar	After the birthday party, the kitchen was **a terrible mess**.
10	**outside**	tashqarida	It was raining **outside**, so we played board games at home.
11	**in the middle of**	…ning o‘rtasida	The lights went out **in the middle of** the film.
12	**finish**	tugatmoq, (aytib) bo‘lmoq	When he **finished** telling the joke, we all laughed.
13	**can’t stop laughing**	kulgidan to‘xtay olmaslik	The film was so funny that I **couldn’t stop laughing**.
14	**fall off**	(stul, velosiped)dan yiqilib tushmoq	My little brother **fell off** his chair during dinner.
15	**too late**	juda kech, kech bo‘lib qolgan	I ran to the bus stop, but it was **too late**.
16	**a glass of orange juice**	bir stakan apelsin sharbati	Would you like **a glass of orange juice** with your breakfast?
17	**come in**	kirib kelmoq	When Mum **came in**, we were still playing on the floor.
18	**still**	hali ham, hamon	It was ten o’clock, but my brother was **still** sleeping.
19	**stand there**	(o‘sha yerda) turib qolmoq	We just **stood there** and didn’t know what to say.

C. Story linking words

#	English	Uzbek	Example sentence
20	**first**	avval, birinchidan	**First**, I opened the box very carefully.
21	**then**	keyin, so‘ngra	**Then** I saw a little kitten inside it.
22	**after that**	shundan keyin	**After that**, we took the kitten to the vet.
23	**suddenly**	to‘satdan, birdan	**Suddenly**, the lights went out and everybody screamed.
24	**at first**	avvaliga, dastlab	**At first**, I was scared, but then I started laughing.
25	**later**	keyinroq	Two hours **later**, Dad came home with a big pizza.
26	**at that moment**	o‘sha paytda, shu payt	**At that moment**, the door opened and Grandma walked in.
27	**finally**	nihoyat	We looked everywhere and **finally** found the keys under the sofa.
28	**in the end**	oxir-oqibat, oxirida	**In the end**, everybody laughed and the evening was great.
29	**luckily**	xayriyatki, baxtimizga	The glass fell on the floor. **Luckily**, it didn’t break.
30	**the next day**	ertasi kuni	**The next day**, we told the whole class about our adventure.

Reading — today's words in context

Read the text. The words in **bold** are from today's list — cover the table above and try to understand them from the sentence.

THE CAKE, THE CAT AND A BIG SURPRISE

Last Friday it was my grandmother's birthday. It was raining **outside**, so the whole family was at home. Mum was making a big chocolate cake and I was helping her.

First, we put the cake on the kitchen table. **Then** Mum said, 'Watch the cake, please! Don't let the cat in!' and she went to answer the phone.

I was sitting **in the middle of** the kitchen floor, reading a comic, when **suddenly** our cat, Momo, jumped onto the table. 'Stop!' I shouted, but it was **too late**. The cake fell on the floor. It was terrible!

When Mum **came in**, we both just **stood there**. **In the end**, Grandma laughed because Momo had chocolate on his nose, and we bought a new cake from the shop.

Answer the questions in one sentence.

1. Why was the family at home?
2. Find one example of the past continuous.
3. Find an imperative in the story.
4. What were the exact words the writer shouted?
5. Why did Grandma laugh?

Exercise 1 — Gap fill

Complete the sentences with one word or phrase from the list.

1. My friend told a joke and we couldn't _____ laughing for five minutes.
2. We usually give a story a _____.
3. We use quote _____ to show what people said.
4. We got to the cinema at nine, but it was too _____ — the film was over.

5. S_____, there was a loud noise and everybody screamed.

6. When my dad came _____, we were still playing.

7. 'I was reading when the phone rang.' 'Was reading' is the past _____.

8. I fell off my bike. L_____, I didn't hurt myself.

Exercise 2 — Match the word with its Uzbek meaning

#	English		Uzbek
1	finish	a)	baxtli yakun
2	a happy ending	b)	yakuni, oxiri (hikoya, film)
3	at first	c)	hali ham, hamon
4	in the end	d)	dahshatli tartibsizlik, ag‘dar-to‘ntar
5	stand there	e)	(o‘sha yerda) turib qolmoq
6	the ending	f)	tugatmoq, (aytib) bo‘lmoq
7	still	g)	oxir-oqibat, oxirida
8	a terrible mess	h)	sarlavha
9	a title	i)	bir stakan apelsin sharbati
10	a glass of orange juice	j)	avvaliga, dastlab

Exercise 3 — Your own sentences

Write 3 true sentences about yourself, your family or your school — one word from each section (A-C). Underline the word you use.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Homework

1. Write a story of 80–100 words: 'An unforgettable day'. Use a title, the past continuous, because and some direct speech.

2. Learn the 30 items with the flashcards: sozlar.com/vocab/cards/?set=grade8-lesson21

Memory tasks (optional — choose one)

Students need to meet a word 5–7 times before they really know it.

1. **Sentences (tonight).** Write 8 true sentences using words from the list — at least one from every section.

2. **Flashcards.** sozlar.com/vocab/cards/?set=grade8-lesson21 — listen to each word, then test yourself English → Uzbek and back.

3. **Short text (50–60 words).** Use at least six words from the list.

4. **Speaking.** Tell a partner about the topic for 30 seconds without stopping, using ten words from the list.

Answer key (teacher's copy)

Do not hand this page to the students.

Reading questions: 1. Because it was raining outside.; 2. Mum was making a cake / I was helping / I was reading; 3. Watch the cake, please! / Don't let the cat in!; 4. 'Stop!'; 5. Because Momo had chocolate on his nose.

Exercise 1: 1. stop; 2. title; 3. marks; 4. late; 5. Suddenly; 6. in; 7. continuous; 8. Luckily

Exercise 2: 1-f 2-a 3-j 4-g 5-e 6-b 7-c 8-d 9-h 10-i