

Just So Stories

Paragraph 1 (description): Set the scene, describe your character's appearance and personality. What issue does your animal have?

In the red hot sands and the dazzling dunes of the desert lived a parrot named Pete. The parrot named Pete was an unusual fellow who liked to copy the other animals in a playful manner. However, living in the desert meant he was able only to copy the slippery sidewinder snake and the solitary, stinging scorpion; both of which could get slightly cross with him...

Paragraph 2 (speech): Start of the journey. Describe the beginning of the chain of events that lead to your animal changing.

On one particularly hot summer morning, the parrot named Pete quizzed the slippery sidewinder snake, "Do you think, anywhere on this earth, I will be adored for copying what others do?"

"No." replied the slippery sidewinder snake, and she swatted him with her tail.

Delicately, he asked the solitary, stinging scorpion, "Do you think, anywhere on this earth, I will be adored for copying what others do?"

"No." retorted the solitary, stinging scorpion, and he swished at him with his stinger.

-----Remember, you will write paragraphs 3 & 4 next week-----

Have you included:

- **Expanded noun phrases to describe?**

Pete was a very _____ parrot and had a gleaming, multi-coloured plume, _____ eyes and _____ talons.

- **A range of conjunctions?**

Coordinating: and, but, or, yet, so, for

Subordinating: after, although, as, because, before, if, since, unless, until, when, whenever, whereas, while, despite, furthermore, consequently

- **Speech Punctuation?**

Put **speech marks** around what was said;

Start speech with a **capital letter**;

Punctuate before you close the speech marks;

Start a **new line** for a new speaker;

Describe **who** spoke, **how** and their **actions**.