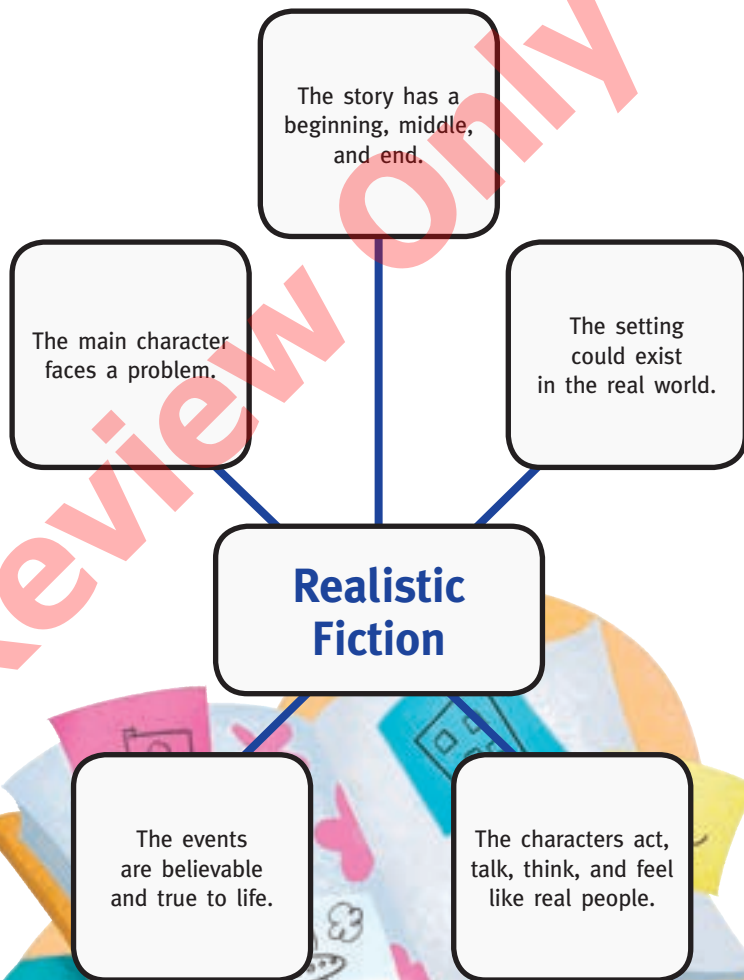


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What Should I Write About?

June 6

Dear Diary,

We arrived from Santo Domingo a week ago. I'm happy in the United States. The apartment is nice. I am here with Papa, Mama, and my little sister, Nina. But I miss Grandma and my cousins.

Until tomorrow,

Sandra



June 7

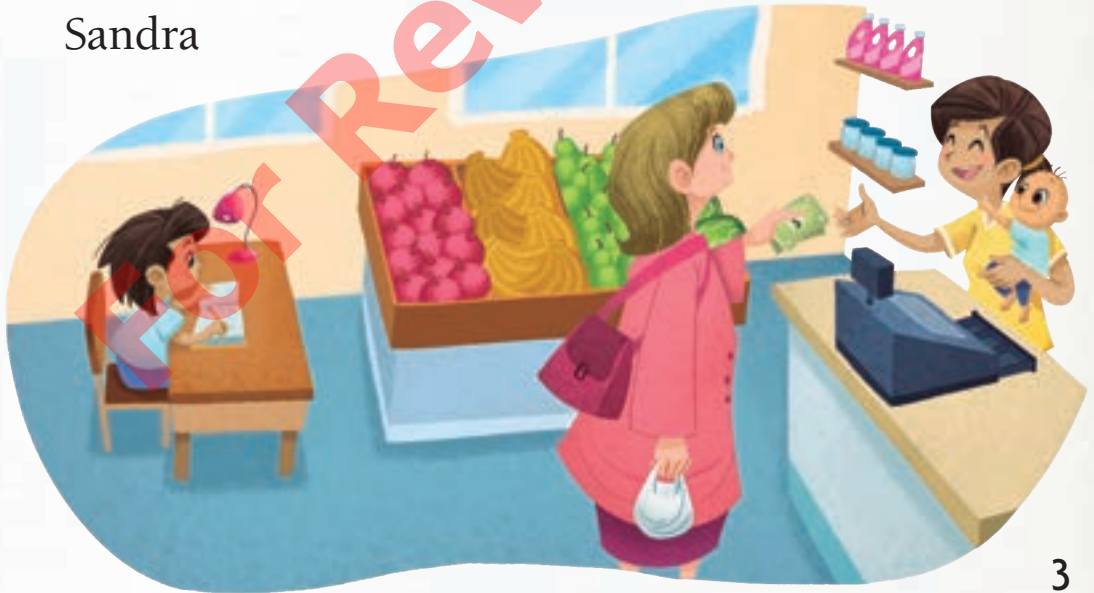
Dear Diary,

Papa got a job in a workshop. Mama works here in the store. She sells food and other things. I keep her company and help take care of Nina.

It's hot here, just like back home.

Until later,

Sandra



June 13

Dear Diary,

I'm a little nervous. I've been here two weeks, but I still don't know English. Papa says I'll learn it when I start school. I want to learn now!

Your friend,

Sandra



June 15

Dear Diary,

Mama gave me some colored sticky notes. I really like them. I drew pictures of things I saw today, and I'll stick them here.

Your friend the artist,

Sandra



June 18

Dear Diary,

Today I went to a park to play. A girl showed me her ball. I smiled. She asked me something I didn't understand, but we played together all afternoon.

Your happy friend,

Sandra



Learning English

June 19

Dear Diary,

I have an idea for learning English. I'll use the sticky notes! Papa told me how to say "table." I wrote it on a note and stuck it to the table. I stuck another one on my ball. It's fun!

Your friend,

Sandra



June 20

Dear Diary,

I went to the park again today. When I saw my friend, I showed her the ball and told her the word for it. She laughed and applauded. She knows I'm learning. It was my first conversation in English!

Your friend,

Sandra



June 23

Dear Diary,

Last night Papa gave me a list of ten words to learn. This morning I wrote them down. When I get home, I'll stick notes for them where they belong. Learning English is like a game.

Your friend,

Sandra

