We usually don’t think in perfectly formed sentences, instead we have ‘flashes’ of ideas. To share these ideas with others we must write them in sentences and follow the rules that govern written expression. Expand these ‘flashes’ into sentences on another piece of paper. In some cases you may need more than one sentence to say it all.

1. woke up - green spots on tongue - mother called doctor - in bed for two weeks
2. two children playing - ball onto road - a lucky escape from serious injury - learnt a lesson
3. bought seeds - watered - pumpkin pie
4. first game for school team - nervous - scored winning goal/try/run
   - congratulations and cheers from team-mates
5. weekend - out of bed at 6.00 a.m. - rainy, freezing cold - back to bed
6. fishing with Dad - big bite - five kilogram fish
7. sent to school principal - very worried - given award for outstanding work
8. going to school - sick magpie - broken wing - cared for - visits family often now
9. countdown - blast off - excited - destination the Purple Planet
10. worked hard - improved all marks - good report card - Mum and Dad very proud
11. cooked breakfast - washed up - cleaned room - Mum surprised - Mother’s Day
12. prince - princess - kiss - explosion and lots of smoke - turned into toads
13. very dry weather - thoughtless smoker - lighted cigarette thrown out of car window
   - dry grass - thousands of hectares of burnt bushland - many animals killed
14. visited zoo with brother/sister - gorilla escaped - trail of peanuts back to cage
   - award for bravery
15. washed hands - switched off light - shock - wet hands - learnt important lesson
16. exploring teacher’s storeroom - unscrewed jar - bumped - vanish all over uniform
17. lost in desert - oasis in the distance - ran towards it - learnt meaning of the word ‘mirage’
   - luckily rescued by camel caravan
18. hamburger in polystyrene carton - thrown out - discarded at tip - broken down - years of pollution
   - by destroying the ozone layer - many people affected by skin cancer; cataracts and weakened immune system
19. about to enter door - heard big brother shriek in terror - mouse in kitchen
20. piano practice - more piano practice - improve playing - now realise benefits of practice
21. bike riding - showing off - no hands! - no feet! - no teeth and two cauliflower ears
22. off to the beach - don’t forget to slip, slop, slap says Mum - why does she nag? - didn’t slip,
   slop, slap - know why she nags now
23. Jack and Jill - descended steep climb - grip slip - Jack flat on back - vinegar and brown paper
   recommended by doctor not used in such cases
24. Christmas Day - up early - presents! - Santa and elves on strike
25. very hungry after school - straight to fridge when home - gulped down what looked like
   meat loaf - Rover frothing at mouth and visibly upset - realised my mistake
26. alarm went off - jumped out of bed - no breakfast - missed the bus - late for school -
   worried about what the teacher would say - sneaked into the class
27. thinking of ideas for story - no great ideas - decided to do something else