

1. One cold night...
2. The night was cold and foggy and storm clouds loomed darkly in the sky...

1. The afternoon was sunny...
2. The sun shone brightly, hanging low in the sky and warming up the land while the birds sang happily in their trees.

1. Two weeks ago...
2. Last fortnight was frighteningly quiet. Nothing could be heard inside the big old house and the paddocks outside were empty...

1. Long ago ...
2. It was a long time ago when the big storm hit the city and changed everything...

1. The air was full of sound, dust and dirt in these final days before the earth came to its crumbling end.
2. It was a dusty day...

1. In the morning...
2. That morning was the hottest it had been all year that even the birds could barely fly in the heat...

1. In a peaceful, quiet time, when all was well in the world...

2. One quiet day...

1. Rain pounded on the roof, deafening the sound of the birds waking with the start of a new day...

2. It was a rainy day...

1. On the first day of the holidays...

2. The first day of the holidays was perfectly sunny, not too windy and not too hot ...

1. Yesterday...

2. Yesterday afternoon gave me the biggest surprise of my life...

1. Deep under the sea, where there is only darkness and only the strangest of sea creatures live ...

2. In the ocean...

1. Excitement and laughter filled the air as school children ran out the gate ready for their holidays...

2. The school children went home...

1. The wind and rain rattled the windows and howled around the old wooden cottage...

2. One day it was windy and rainy...

1. At the bottom of the garden, where no one ever goes, nestled among the rose bushes and vines...

2. In the garden...

1. Up in the attic...

2. The attic was dark and dusty and full of shadows and unknown creatures...

1. It blazed like the sun, but it roared like a lion and floated like a feather. No one knew what it was until last week...

2. Last week...

1. Two days ago...

2. The neighbours got a new pet dog two days ago, but it was a very special kind of dog, like nothing I had ever seen before...