



# English

Self-Learning pack

Grade 8



## Let's write short paragraphs



### My best friend.

My best friend is Nadun. He is 13 years old. He lives in Kandy. His school is K/ Vidyalyoka Vidyalaya. He is tall and fat. He is fair in complexion and has big eyes. His curly hair is black in color. He is a kind person. He is very helpful. He helps me to do my studies. We play together. He can play cricket well. But he is not good at singing. His father is a driver. His mother is a housewife. He has two sisters. His favorite color is blue. He likes to eat fruits but he doesn't like to eat "Durian". I like my friend a lot.

- Now let's read Kasun's essay again and underline the special information about Nadun.

අපි දැන් නදුන් පිළිබඳ ජේදය නැවත කියවා විශේෂ තොරතුරු යටින් ඉරක් අදිමු.



Can you write a similar paragraph about your best friend?

- First let's think of your friend and identify his/ her physical features and qualities. Circle the most correct answer about your friend.

- |                              |   |  |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. <b>Body</b>               | - | Tall / Short / Fat / Thin  |
| 2. <b>Skin Color</b>         | - | Fair / Dark Skinned  |
| 3. <b>Hair</b>               | - | Curly Hair / Straight Hair / Wavy Hair                                   |
| 4. <b>Qualities</b> (ගතිගුණ) | - | Kind / Innocent / Honest / Friendly                                      |
| 5. <b>Can</b>                | - | Play Cricket / Play Netball / Play Badminton / Sing / Run / Dance / Draw |
| 6. <b>Cannot</b>             | - | Sing / Run / Dance / Draw / Play Cricket                                 |
| 7. <b>Likes</b>              | - | Fruits / Vegetables / Chocolate / Biscuits / Cake / Noodles              |
| 8. <b>Dislikes</b>           | - | Vegetables / Fruits / Bread / Roti                                       |



- Now write a similar paragraph about your best friend.

My best friend.

My best friend is ..... He/ She is ..... Years old.

- If you want to write a paragraph or an essay,

- First read the question / topic carefully. (පළමුව මාතෘකාව කියවන්න.)
- Next note down the points you like to include in it. (දෙවනුව ඔබ ඇතුළත් කරන කරුණු කෙටියෙන් සටහන් කරගන්න.)
- Then you can start writing.

### Activity 33. 1

Write a paragraph on your favorite place to visit. Use about 50-60 words.

**Place** – Nuwara Eliya

**Location** (පිහිටීම) – Central Province

**Other information**  
Ex: Times you have visited

**Why you like it?**  
Beautiful surrounding,  
cool climate

**What can you see** – Ambewela, Hortain Plains, tea estates, mountains, waterfalls, Gregory park, Victoria park



### My favorite place to visit.

There are many places I like to visit. Among them my favorite place to visit is .....

It is located in the .....

There are many attractive places in Nuwara Eliya. Some of them are.....

I like Nuwara Eliya because of .....

It is a very beautiful place. I have visited Nuwara Eliya ..... times.

I went there with my .....;

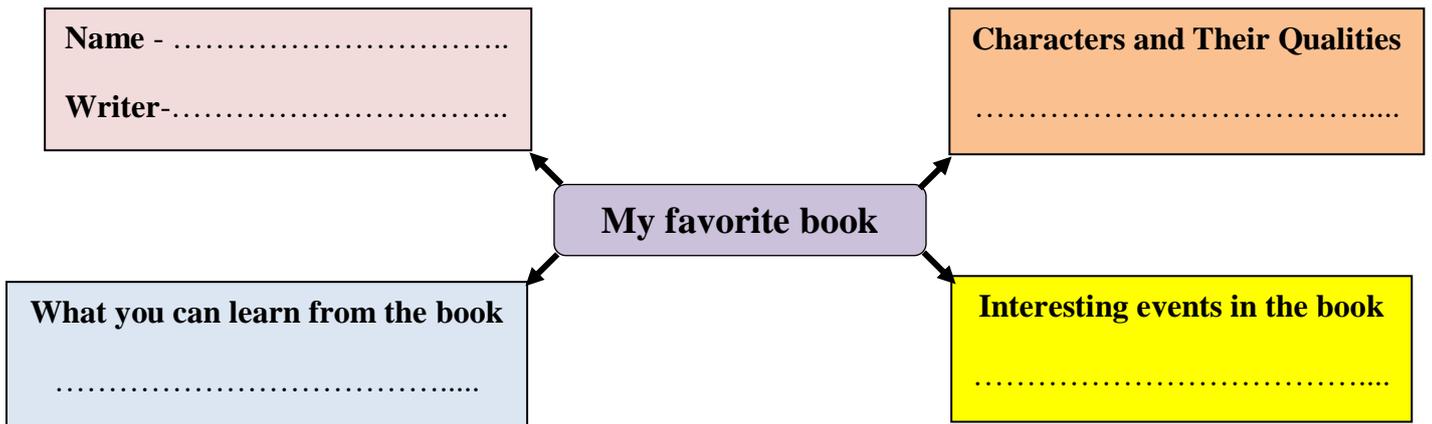
### Activity 33.2

Complete the given mind map. Write a short paragraph on “My favorite book”.

- First select a book.

Ex: “Madol Doova” written by Mr. Martin Wickramasinghe.

- Then think of the story. Is It Adventurous (ඉසර්ජනක) / Fiction (ප්‍රබන්ධ) / Folk tale (ජනකතා)
- Main characters (ප්‍රධාන චරිත)





My favorite book

My favorite book is .....

It was written by .....

It is a ..... story. There are .....

Characters in this story. They are .....

I like this book because .....



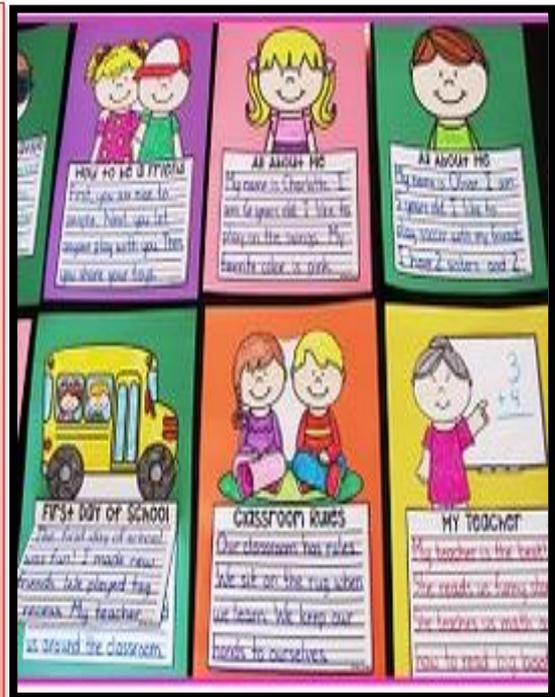
**When the teacher gives you a topic remember to note down the important points first. It will be easy for you when you are writing essays.**



**I have made an essay book. Look!  
I have named it as “My essay book”.**

**My Essay Book**

By Dinithi





**I will give you three topics. Can you write similar paragraphs?**

**You can include short paragraphs of 50-60 words.**

**You can draw pictures too.**

නිවාඩුවේ ගෙදර ඉන්න ගමන් ඔයාලාටත් පුළුවන් ම. වගේ පින්තූර  
ඇදලා ලස්සනට රචනා ලියන්න. අවශ්‍ය වන මාතෘකා පහත දීලා  
තියෙනවා.