Writing an ending to a story

5 Read Bob's story after he was released from jail and answer the questions.

Stepping out of jail into the cold wind, Bob, now 58, felt lost and helpless.

"Twenty years is a long time," he smiled bitterly, not knowing where to go. He had no family, and had never heard a word from Jimmy again since that cold, dark night. "Was he ashamed of having a friend like me?" Bob longed for an answer.

"Excuse me, sir, are you Bob?" Bob heard the voice of a young man.

"Yes."He turned around and was surprised to find a familiar-looking man in his thirties. "Have we met before?"

"No, sir," replied the man. "My father told me to meet you today. I have a note for you from him."

Doubtfully, Bob unfolded the note. His hands were shaking by the time he had finished reading.

Bob, the doctor says I've only got three months. I'm afraid I won't be able to meet you this time, but you'll always be my dear friend.

Jimmy

"You're Jimmy's son?!" Bob shouted in surprise.

"Yes, sir," the young man smiled. "And my name is Bob."

1 How did Bob feel when he finally got out of jail?

2 What kind of ending is this? More than one description may be suitable.

- ☐ A happy ending.
- ☐ A sad ending.
- ☐ A surprise ending.
- ☐ An open ending.

3 Do you like this ending? Give your reasons.

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6 Read the ending in Activity 5 again. Find the expressions that describe:

- settings
- characters
- actions

7 Come up with your own ending to Jimmy and Bob's story, twenty years after Bob was arrested. Answer the questions to help you.

1 What type of ending will it be?
2 Do you want to introduce other characters in the ending? If so, who are they?
3 Where will the ending take place?
4 What has happened to Bob and Jimmy over the past twenty years?
5 How will the story end?

8 Write your own ending.

9 Share your ending with the class.

Learning to learn

To bring your story to life, describe the settings and characters.

Settings: time, location and descriptions of the environment or surroundings help your readers picture the scene. For example, *The street was long and dark, and there was no one around...*

Characters: introducing characters means describing both appearance and personality. For example, *He was a tall man with curly brown hair. She always seemed happy and friendly.* Characters' actions, or their behaviours, not only tell your readers what kind of people they are, but also drive the plot forward and create a particular atmosphere.

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