

FSA Exemplars

Grade 4

Short Writing

Writing Topic

"I Was Surprised"

Encountering a wild animal while you are out walking would certainly be a surprise! Write about a time that you were surprised.

Your writing should be about **one** to **two** pages long. Remember to double-space your writing.

Criteria

(Personal Response)

"I Was Surprised"

Check your work for the following:

- Does my writing explain my ideas clearly?
- Have I used enough detail?
- Did I stay on topic?
- Do all of my sentences make sense?
- Did I make corrections in spelling, punctuation, and word choice?

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 1

“I Was Surprised”

There was a surprise in my backyard. It was a scary surprise. There was a raccoon in my backyard. It was a big raccoon. It climbed on the fence to get on the balcony. It was a shocking to see the raccoon. It was scratching on the balcony window. His eyes were pitch black and scary. His claws were as sharp as a bears teeth. I ran downstairs but by the time I told my mom and dad it was gone.

That night was the scariest night
ever!

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 2

"I Was Surprised"

I was so surprised when I saw
a dry bird that looked so scared and
they said that it must have seen
a crow near it and I'm sure they
were right because the bird was
sitting on the wall and then the
crow came and the bird froze and
fell down off the wall and then
a man saw it and picked it up
with his bear hands and shot
it to me

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 3

“I Was Surprised”

A Fox

Once I was at my friends
cabin we were shooting cool
target's untill this moth fox ran
past the shooting range it left only
it's foot print's behind.

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 4

"I Was Surprised"

It was Christmas morning, and we had just opened the last present, my Dad's giant popcorn maker, wrapped in wrapping paper that was assorted shades of blue, had dozens of medium sized snowflakes, and HOLY NIGHT written many times in capital letters. All of a sudden, I screamed "Pack-rat! Pack-rat! There's a pack-rat in the Christmas tree!" Everyone started screaming, yelling, and jumping on to tables! It was complete pandemonium! When the havoc ended, this cute little black kitten with wrapping paper stuck to

his paws and face jumped down from the tree. Our whole family 'llard
at the cute little guy! It turns out that my Mom and
Dad had put the Kitten under the tree, arranged the
presents so the cat couldn't get out, but he climbed
up the tree and scared everyone silly! That is a
suprise a will never forget!

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 5

"I Was Surprised"

- Me and my friend were walking in a forest.
- We went to his tree house and when we got up
- we saw a mom and 4 cubs sleeping in some
- blankets, 3 were very poofy and black and one had
- a white star.

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 6

“I Was Surprised”

Yesterday we went for a sleep over

at our grandma's house. At her

house we watched a little tv then

we went to cora to have lunch.

after that we went to toysrus

to get me a birthday present.

Even though it was my birthday

a long time ago but she target target

me a present. in toysrus she said my

present could be forty dollars but then

she said it could be sixtyfour dollars.

en then eighty dollars then ninety

dollars I was surprysed.

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 7

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Can you imagine getting a cat? I remember

the time I got a cat! I was quite young when

I got my cat! My cat was named Casper. He

was only a couple weeks old when we got him!

Casper was very adorable! He was also very

cuddley! Casper was very fluffy and plump!

He ate a lot! He was also warm! Casper was

like a blanket! Casper was energetic! He

would always run around the house during

the day! But by the end of the night

Casper would be passed out! Sometimes (1
he could be calm but most of the
time he would be hyper! But in the
last two weeks we had to bring
Casper back to the store! It was really
hard for me! But I still miss him!
So that is the time when I got really
surprised!

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 8

"I Was Surprised"

It was a dazzling day in Phoenix, Arizona. It was boiling hot, very bright, and I felt like the sun was smiling all across the world. Perfect day to go hiking! My dad grinned. Even though I did not like hiking, I had to agree. It was the best day to go hiking. Gathering up our gear, we set off on our hike. It was more beautiful than I imagined. There were sandy hedges, rocks, and my smile was up to my ears. Making my way through the big dusty tracks, I stopped in my tracks. They just dropped my cocoa brown

eyes went wide, there right in front of me was a lizard the size of my arm.

The lizard was jet black with an apricot orange tail. It had glistening scales and big frightened amber eyes. My dad started to take pictures up close and soon we started just quietly tiptoeing away.

It was so stunning to see a lizard like that in its natural habitat, I want to see another lizard and go back on that trail in Arizona.

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 9

"I Was Surprised"

On a fairly cloudy day, I was with my dad on the sidewalk taking an afternoon walk. I was worn out of my skin.

Suddenly, I saw a light brown figure with a tiny tail. I squinted through the bushes that were blocking my sight. Wait... It was a deer! I was so fascinated, I took a picture. It was grazing on the bushes. I felt nervous and surprised. I told my dad who was now confused and pointed to the deer. Then, the deer looked at us

with its gentle brown eyes. After what
seemed like forever, it continued eating
leaves and after a while, it moved
farther from us.

Me and my dad walked happily
home. All that was on our thoughts were,
"The Deer Encounter."

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 10

"I Was Surprised"

- Vroom! We whizzed by a car when we discovered a group of gray mountain goats roaming around the ~~hard cement~~ ^{hard cement}. I felt amazed, surprised, excited and startled as well. But we weren't the only ones who encountered these wild animals, there were some other rushing cars too!

~~the gray mountain goats~~

Because ~~we~~ were there, we had to wait a long time for the gray mountain goats to get off the hard cement. While we were waiting, we took lots of pictures.

When they finally got off the hard cement, I wondered if we would ever see the gray mountain goats again. When we started to get moving, I wasn't even scared one bit! In fact, I felt jolly and jumpy. Then we sped up and whizzed away.

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 11

"I Was Surprised"

It was a clear, cloudless night.

I had just stepped out of the van after coming home from school. I took a

look at the front yard, I gasped

at what I saw. The yard was

all gone. The stairs had been

removed and left on the grass.

Oh, wait a minute! The grass

had been ripped up. The walkway

was also gone! Every couple days,

the workers would come back and

work on the yard. A few days later

the workers came to put up
the forms for the new steps and
walk way. The next day the workers
came back and put in the sprinklers.

Grade 4 Short Writing – Exemplar # 12

“I Was Surprised”

When I went to school it was time
for math. When I was walking to get a
drink I saw the hamster