

4 Read this story. Then complete the writing activity that follows.

Nick's Big Moment

Nick peered through a narrow crack in the giant velvet curtain. Lee had just finished her song on the piano and was standing to take a bow. As the audience clapped loudly, Nick started to get a sick feeling in his stomach. He noticed that the entire room was filled with people. In fact, some people were even standing in the back to watch the concert.

Nick wiped his sweaty hands on his pants and gripped his guitar again. His heart seemed to be banging loudly enough for everyone to hear it. He looked around, but no one was staring at him. Just then, a voice echoed over the speakers. "Next we have Nick Jones playing music he wrote himself. He'll be playing the guitar." Nick took a deep breath and tried to move toward the stage, but his feet felt like heavy stones.

Finish the story. Describe what Nick does in this situation. Be sure to include details to support your writing. You do NOT need to rewrite the beginning of the story.

Session 3

Use the blank Prewriting/Planning space below for notes, lists, webs, outlines, or anything else that might help you plan your writing. If you need additional paper for planning, raise your hand and your teacher will give you more paper. **You must write your final draft on the lines beginning at the top of the next page.**

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Use the Editing Checklist on page 30. Check your story for correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. **Remember, your story should be well organized.**

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