

B2 Writing practice: makeover KEY & SYNONYMS

ORIGINAL STORY	MAKEOVER: How do you reckon the original story on the left can be improved? Look at requirements, layout, register, basic vocabulary, structures, repetitions, and grammar, spelling and punctuation errors.
<p>This story happened when Sara was studying at the University. She had been saving for ages because she had always dreamt to travel to the Canary Islands. She had planned to do it as soon as had finished the course. Unfortunately, she didn't have enough money to pay for the trip.</p> <p>She decided to borrow the money from a bank. She was a student and obviously the bank didn't give her it. She came back home devastated when suddenly saw a dog so incredibly helpless that she brought it with her. She was really open-minded and thought: "If I offer myself to take care of other dogs I will earn money to travel."</p> <p>Two weeks later, she was walking quickly with five dogs in a park when a guy saw them and asked her: "Why are you walking with so many dogs? She told him her story and he said: " Really, that's fantastic. I had been planning this travel too."</p> <p>Do you know what happened in the end? Obviously they travelled together.</p>	<p>This happened to Sarah, a recently graduated university student who had always dreamt of travelling to the Canary Islands as soon as she finished her degree. Although she had been saving for ages, when she checked her bank account, she sadly understood she couldn't afford to pay for the trip.</p> <p>Then, after staying up all night looking for a solution, she decided to borrow money from the bank (or ...decided to ask for a loan). Unfortunately, as she still didn't have a job (or she was jobless/ unemployed), she was denied the funds (or they refused to give her the funds). She was going back home (or on her way back home) feeling absolutely devastated when she noticed a cute stray dog standing next to her looking so incredibly helpless that Sarah chose to bring it home with her. Suddenly, while she was drying the pet with a towel, she came up with a brilliant idea. The rich usually didn't have time to take their animals out, so she would start (or set up) a dog walking service to earn (or make) the cash she needed. (or ...so she would become a dog walker to...)</p> <p>Two weeks later, she already had five pets to exercise in the park. One fine morning, she bumped into a handsome well-mannered guy who had also taken his pup(py) for a stroll. He came up to her and wondered what she was doing with so many doggies (or how come she had so many doggies). She immediately told him about her wish to explore an exotic destination. Surprisingly, it turned out that he had also been planning to visit the same place. At that moment, they realised that the more they looked into each other's eyes, the deeper in love they felt. (or They realised they had hit it off.)</p>

	Can you guess how this story concludes? In the end, they went on a journey together, and, obviously, so did their furry friends.
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SYNONYMS		
DOG pet doggy pup(py) animal furry friend four-legged companion beloved animal animal pal ABANDONED/LOST stray BE SORRY FOR /FEEL SORRY FOR take pity on the dog LIKE (dogs) be fond of /be keen on	WALK YOUR DOG exercise your dog go for a stroll with your dog take your dog for a walk/stroll give your dog a walk/a stroll go for a doggy walk stroll with your furry companion	LIKE EACH OTHER hit it off fall in love at first sight It was love at first sight look into each other's eyes
DECIDE/THINK SAY choose mention, explain, reply ASK (HER) wonder, come up to her	GET MONEY cash funds make / earn DIDN'T GIVE IT HER THE MONEY She was denied the money/the request They refused to lend her the money	GO ON HOLIDAY / TRAVEL go on vacation go on a trip/journey take a trip have an adventure explore a new (exotic) destination
DREAM wish ambition fantasy	SEE notice realise understand Bump into came across	MAN guy dude gentleman chap bloke individual