

# Writing for Tests

**Prompt** Think about a time when you took a trip—maybe for a vacation or a family visit. What experience stays in your mind? Write a narrative, describing this event to a friend or family member.

## Flying Solo

Compound and complex sentences — create a flowing style.

When I was six years old, I flew to New York City alone! I had been on an airplane only once before, and I was hopping up and down with excitement. A hostess held my hand as I waved goodbye to my mom and dad. She took me onto the plane and helped me fix the seat belt.

Author uses vivid words and images to recall interesting incidents.

The plane roared when it took off. I tried to squeeze my armrest, but I grabbed the lady sitting next to me instead. She screamed! Later I spilled orange juice over her dress. I loved making my seat go backwards and forwards. After I did this for a while, the lady next to me found another place to sit.

Sentences — vary in style and length.

My aunt met me at the airport. I stayed with her for two weeks, but I remember that flight best of all.