

# Writing for Tests

**Prompt** Think about the first time you did something. It might have been going to a new school, moving to a new place, or joining a team. Write a narrative paragraph to a friend showing how you felt.

## The First Game

Details create a vivid mood. Specific verbs paint word pictures.

The air chilled my nose and hands on Saturday morning. The wet grass squeaked under my new shoes. But I didn't even notice the weather. It was my first soccer game!

The writer *shows* that she was early and nervous.

I paced around the empty field as I waited for the rest of the team to arrive. Soon the game had started. I lost all track of time as I joined the herd of players racing up and down the field. Suddenly I got the chance I was waiting for. The ball was at my feet, and the goal was straight ahead. I took a deep breath and aimed for the goal. The goalkeeper dove for the ball, but she was too late. I scored a goal! The crowd on the sidelines roared, but I didn't even notice it.

The writer *shows* that she felt proud and excited.

The roar in my ears came from my own heart.