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LO: To understand how to write in an informal tone.

Autobiographies are very chatty, informal and personal. When you read some autobiographies, you can almost imagine the person speaking and telling you all about themselves verbally.

You need to make sure you maintain this informal, chatty tone throughout your autobiography.

Task:

I would like you to improve this piece of writing below by making it chattier and more informal. Right now, it is purely factual and doesn't engage or excite the reader, it doesn't give any insights as to who the person really is or what their personality is like. It's not real so add anything you want, any extra stories, funny things that might have happened. These are all what will make your writing better.

My name is Michael and I am 8 years old. I live in Yorkshire with my Mum, Dad and younger brother. We also have a pet dog called Douggie.

Expand on this paragraph. What is his little brother like? Does he have any funny stories that have happened?

I go to a small school in my village. I really like school and my favourite subject is science. I liked learning about volcanoes last month. My best friend is called Adam. He is also 8 years old. He lives across the street from me so we play a lot outside of school.

Expand on this paragraph.

At the weekends, I tend to play rugby. I have rugby matches on Sundays, we usually win because we are quite a good team.

Expand on this paragraph, what is his kit like? What position does he play in? Does Adam play too? Do his family come and watch? What is his best memory from playing rugby? Has he ever won a trophy or medal?

My teacher at school is called Mr Appleby. He is very funny and he also likes rugby so we talk about it lots. Next year I will be in a different class, Mrs Day will be teaching me. She seems really nice too.

Expand on this paragraph. Does he have any favourite memories from school? What does Mr Appleby look like? What are his opinions of Mr Appleby?

I live in a small, cosy house with my family. We have a garden we love to play in. I play football a lot with my brother outside.

Expand on this paragraph. What is something they all like to do together at home? What's his favourite meal his parents cook? Does he share a room with his brother or not?