Can I write an autobiography?

Your writing task this week is to write an autobiography! Now, you may be asking, "Mrs Cameron, what is an autobiography?!"

Well, let me tell you. :-) An autobiography is a text written about your own life. It is written by you, so it will use the first person (just like diary writing).

Your first activity is to read an autobiography of a school child and then underline specific things (or write them in your book if you are not able to print the page at home).

Then, it's your turn to have a go at writing your own autobiography! The text in your first activity could be helpful in that you could include similar information in the same order in your autobiography. I have also included some sentence starters to help you (if you would like to use them).

The activities and sentence starters are divided into challenges, so choose the one you think is best for you.

As always, just have a go and try your best!

Mrs Cameron :-)

*'Autobiography of a School Child' texts, sentence starters sourced from Classroom Secrets.

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Activity 1, Challenge 1

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Now it's your turn! Have a go at writing your autobiography.

Here is the start of my autobiography. I used Challenge I as a model to help me. The phrases highlighted in yellow are sentence starters from Challenge I.

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	and it is not too far from the seaside.
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	and my sider brother is called Rob. They all
	Still live in Ottawa Canada, Which is Where I
	was born. Ottawa is a much bigger city than
	Norwich. However, it is similar because there is
	always something to do, ever when it is really
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Sentence starters, Challenge 1

My Life

When writing an autobiography, it is useful to think about the following details: where and when you were born; special dates; your earliest memories; special events; family details; funny things that have happened; achievements; thoughts and feelings and hopes for the future.

Use the words, phrases and sentence openers in the box below to write your autobiography.

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I was born		I love		I remember when		
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although	when	even	though	before that			
I lived an	d v	ve went	but	I felt really			
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I adore	or Se	everal years	ago	Next year,			
When I'm older,	It wo	ıs really funi	ny when	Near the			
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My family consists	s of	On the	because	I believe that			
I was really concerned when it was heart-breaking							
When we went on holiday to nor When I was little,							
My hobbies incl	ude b	ecause	I had	Soon,			
My school is ca	lled	It was	exciting whe	n for			
My happiest m	emory is	My sa	ddest memo	ry is yet			
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