THANK YOU

by Isaac

I started the Read Write Now! program because I was desperate to improve my reading and writing skills, so I could enter the Police Force.

After looking around for a tutor, I was very surprised to find a volunteer organisation that did it for free.

Before I started with Read Write Now! I had been out of school for a number of years, and went without the regular use of my reading, writing and mathematics skills. Because of this, I had forgotten what to do or hadn't learnt what to do in the first place.

After three years with the program, many of my goals have been achieved, most noticeably my acceptance into the WA Police Academy. I have also learnt many skills which many people take for granted, for example learning basic times tables, getting my computer skills up to speed, and I finished reading my second novel.

I would like to thank all the volunteers at Read Write Now! for putting the time and effort in helping me to reach my goals. Without them I would not be where I am today and would not have achieved all that I have wanted to achieve.

Discussion & Activities

Is this story anything like *your's*?

Discuss this question with your tutor.

Here are some questions to answer <u>in conversation</u> with your tutor:

1. What prompted Isaac to start with Read Write Now?

2. Did Isaac come to Read Write Now straight after school?

3. What possible reasons does Isaac give for his need of tutoring?

4. How many years did he spend with Read Write Now?

5. Was Isaac accepted into the Police Academy?

6. How many '"novels" had Isaac read when he wrote this text?

7. In your own words, define what a "volunteer" is.

8. What surprised you most about this story?

Discuss the spelling of any difficult words with your tutor.
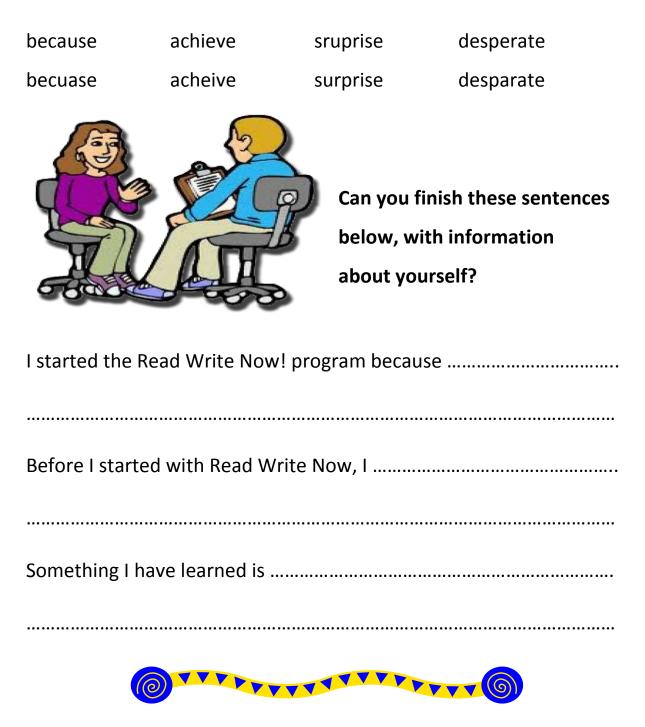
These words *might* include:

achieved   noticeably   acceptance   organisation

desperate   surprised   because   learnt *or* learned

See the next page for a note about: learnt   *or* learned?

Is it Learnt or Learned?

The Oxford English Dictionary says: **Both are acceptable -** but …
learnt is much more common in British English, than in American
English. Which do you prefer? ………………………………..

Circle the correct spelling, out of each of these pairs of words:

because	achieve	sruprise	desperate
becuase	acheive	surprise	desparate

Can you finish these sentences

below, with information

about yourself?

I started the Read Write Now! program because ……………………………..

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Before I started with Read Write Now, I ………………………………………..

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Something I have learned is …………………………………………………………….

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Writing
a Thank You
note

Address your note by writing

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Dear ………………………….

Now state that you want to thank this person - and what for:

I want to thank you for …………………………………………………………………

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Is there anything else you want to say?

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Now sign off with 'Regards' or 'Love' or Thanks' & your name:

Regards,

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