

Writing Sample



Title	Groundhog Day
Introduction	The groundhog is an animal similar to squirrel, but much larger. They dig holes deep under the ground. The hole has to be deep enough to keep the groundhogs warm during the very cold winter. Also, the hole must be large enough for the whole family to sleep. It even has a separate space for the groundhogs to use as a toilet. Groundhogs will sleep for the whole winter.
Body	In the USA, the 2nd February is a holiday called Groundhog Day. On this day, the groundhogs come out of their holes after a long winter's sleep. If it is a bright day, they go back into their holes immediately. If it is a cloudy day, they walk around and play outside. Groundhog Day is important because people believe that if the groundhogs come out on a bright, sunny day, there will be six more weeks of cold winter weather. If the groundhogs come out on a cloudy day, it means that the worst part of winter is over and spring weather is coming soon. The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Groundhog Day, already a widely recognized and popular tradition, received widespread attention as a result of the film <i>Groundhog Day</i>, talking about a famous groundhog named Phil.
Conclusion	When Phil was young, his owner and a few friends waited every year for Phil to come out and show them how long the winter would be. Now, on 2nd February each year, television cameras allow tens of thousands of people to watch Phil come out of his hole. If you have a chance to go to Pennsylvania, don't miss the fun of seeing such a lovely animal.