

Step by Step

Pre-reading

Questions:

- Do you like to write? Why or why not?

Definitions:

- Dread – to be afraid of something that has not yet happened
- Essay – a short written piece
- Process – a series of actions or steps used to reach a goal
- Overcome – to defeat
- Brainstorm – to think of ideas
- Revise – to change



Reading

16 Pam is almost there. She has passed four of the five GED tests. She has only
one left. It is the one she has dreaded the most, the writing test.

30 Pam does not like to write. She did not write well in school. She does not
46 think she will do well on this test. She needs help!

57 Pam attends a writing class. The teacher says, “Welcome! Some of you may
70 be afraid to write essays and that’s OK. Writing is a process. By going “step by
86 step” you will **practice** your skills and overcome your fear of writing.”

98 Pam raises her hand. “Yes?” says the teacher. Pam asks, “What are the
111 steps?” The teacher replies “Brainstorm. Write. Revise. We will practice these
122 three steps in class.”

126 Pam thinks about those three words. She can do that. Pam has taken the first
141 step to overcome her fear.

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Understanding

1. How many GED tests has Pam passed? _____

2. What is her last one? _____

3. How does she feel about the last test? _____

4. What writing steps will Pam learn in class? _____

5. What does the word **practice** mean? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about your fear of writing or another fear. How could you overcome that fear?
