Writing: text completion
Complete the story below using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Every cloud has a silver lining

As a child, I always seemed to be sick. Just as I was (1) ________________ (get over) one illness, I would (2) ________________ (go down with) something else. My mum worried that I would fall behind because I was missing so much school. But I didn’t care – I loved staying in my room, scribbling in my notebook, letting my imagination take flight.

When I was about twelve, I (3) ________________ (go down with) scarlet fever. Mum was beside herself. She placed cool flannels on my forehead to try (4) ________________ (bring down) my temperature. When she left the room, I removed the flannel from my forehead and carried on writing. Five minutes later she would come back and open the window, hoping the breeze would (5) ________________ me ________________ (cool down). I ignored the breeze and carried on writing. In the end, it took me weeks (6) ________________ (fight off) the illness. I missed a whole half a term of school. But I didn’t care, because while I was lying in bed, I finished my first novel. The title? Every cloud has a silver lining.
KEY

1. getting over
2. go down with
3. went down with
4. to bring down
5. cool down
6. to fight off