My story planner

Talk it through. Jot down ideas. Then make it your own.

My story starter or idea

Choose a first line, or invent your own.

1. Character

Who is the story about? What do they want?

2. Setting

Where and when? Add one telling detail.

3. The problem

What gets in the way? Why does it matter to the character?

4. Beginning

How does it all start?

5. Middle

What do they try? What changes?

6. Ending

How is the problem resolved?

My first sentences

Use your plan to begin. You can change your mind as you write.

Read it back. Make one change.

Add a clear detail, a character's choice, or a stronger ending. Explain why it helps.