

How do I Begin My Story?





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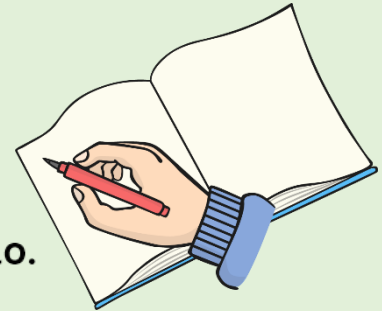
Starting off your story can be very tricky. There are a few things which can help you get started.

- A good story **plan** helps you set the scene and describe what's happening.
- Look at the very **first** sentence from some of your favourite books.
- Perhaps you could use one but alter it a little for your story.
- Make it a **gripping** sentence. You want your reader to be hooked by the first sentence and to want to read on.

Story Starting Sentences

Do any of these capture your imagination? Why?

- A flash of lightning illuminated the mountainous landscape.
- Rain poured relentlessly down the overflowing gutters.
- Waves crashed repeatedly against the side of the small boat.
- Rage overcame him, fists clenched and shaking.
- The rope snapped and he came crashing to the ground.
- Few people had ever seen what Katy had just seen.
- The brakes had failed and there was only one thing to do.
- Just looking at it brought back painful memories.
- Nothing in her entire life had ever made her feel like this.
- He stopped to catch his breath, were they still following?
- “Hold it just there...I’ve...nearly....got it”, he growled through gritted teeth.



Pick a few of these sentences to complete and think of possible ideas for a story.

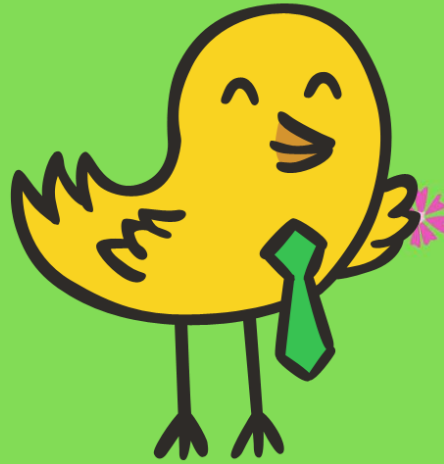
- A flash of lightning illuminated...
- **Rain poured relentlessly down...**
- Waves crashed repeatedly against...
- **Rage overcame him...**
- The rope snapped and...
- **Few people had ever seen...**
- The brakes had failed and...
- **Just looking at it brought back...**
- Nothing in her entire life had...
- **He stopped to catch his breath...**
- “Hold it just there...I’ve...nearly....got it....”



Choose one of these and spend a few minutes thinking about what could happen next.

- A flash of lightning lit up the mountainous landscape.
- Rain poured relentlessly down the overflowing gutters.
- Waves crashed repeatedly against the side of the small boat.
- Rage overcame him, fists clenched and shaking.
- The rope snapped and he came crashing to the ground.
- Few people had ever seen what Peter had just seen.
- The brakes had failed and there was only one thing to do.
- Just looking at it brought back painful memories.
- Nothing in her entire life had ever made her feel like this.
- He stopped to catch his breath, were they still following?
- “Hold it just there...I’ve...nearly....got it”, he growled through gritted teeth.





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