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# Writing a Story Opening

Practise crafting a first paragraph that makes your reader want to read on.

**Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

**Your challenge:** Write the opening of an imaginative story. Choose a way to begin, then introduce a character, a place or a problem.

## 1 Choose a way to begin

**D Dialogue**
Begin with a character speaking. What could they say to make the reader curious?

**S Setting**
Help the reader picture a place. What can your character see, hear or feel?

**A Action**
Start in the middle of something happening. What is the first exciting moment?

## 2 Plan your opening

Jot down a few ideas.

**Who is in your story?**

**Where or when does it happen?**

**What is happening or mysterious?**

## 3 Write your story opening

Aim for 5–8 sentences. Begin with your chosen technique and make the reader want to find out more.

## 4 Check your opening

- [ ] I used my chosen opening technique.
- [ ] I made the reader curious.
- [ ] I checked my capital letters and punctuation.