



Make a Plan



Before you write a story, it helps to plan. When you plan, you determine possible characters in your story, the setting (where and when the story takes place), and the plot (all the actions or events in the story). The plot includes a problem, events leading to the climax, or most exciting part of the story, and events leading to the resolution.



What kinds of stories do you like? Do you prefer historical fiction or realistic fiction, action adventures or mysteries, fairy tales or tall tales? Plan a story that you think your friends will enjoy. Use the answers to the questions below to plan your story.

What is the title? _____

Where will the story take place? _____

When will the story take place? _____

Who is the main character? _____

What is the main character like? _____

What problem or problems will your main character face? _____

What other characters will you include? _____

What will be the most exciting moment or turning point? _____

What events or actions will lead up to this moment? _____

What events or actions will follow this moment and show how the problem is resolved? _____

What is the resolution? _____

Will you tell your story in the first-person or third-person point of view? _____

Now, review your plan. Make any revisions. Then write a draft of your story on another piece of paper. Begin by writing a topic sentence that will grab the attention of your readers.