

➤ STORY WRITING

Story writing is a creative process. How can we effectively attempt to write stories? One good way to start this is by creating a personal story. When I got stuck in the rain.....
This kind of a beginning helps us to collect our thoughts and ideas. We can also put down the words and phrases we would like to use in our story. Any story has the following aspects:

- Setting..... The time and place/location
- Plot..... The sequence of events
- Characters..... At least 2 characters that are consistent and motivated throughout
- Theme..... The central idea or the thoughts of the writer

In the classroom you can work with your friends and have story prompts written on pieces of paper. These prompts can be put in order and written one after the other. This will give us a coherent piece of writing.

You can use the steps suggested above to make your writing coherent, accurate and creative.

➤ SOLVED EXAMPLES

1. You are Jyoti/Jaydeep. Your younger brother was badly hurt on the evening of Diwali and had to be hospitalized. Narrate your experience in the form of a story, with an appropriate title

Ans.

Diwali Evening Fiasco

Diwali is a festival of lights. Diwali evening glitters the autumn with delights of young children. It brings joys and happiness with the blessings of Goodess Lakshmi. Children burst crackers on this day. Elders also keep themselves busy to decorate their houses for Diwali celebration. My younger brother Jaydeep's joy knew no bounds on the evening of Diwali last October. Diwali is a festival of lights. Children burst crackers on this day. So, Jaydeep bought a lot of crackers. Many friends

came to meet him. Everybody asked him to accompany them. He said, "I am waiting for Tiku and Monu. They will bring two baskets full of crackers. We will enjoy bursting crackers on the Diwali evening in our parlour."

Tiku and Monu reached in time with two big baskets full of crackers. Some crazy boys were bursting chemical bomb-crackers. They started bursting bomb-crackers incessantly. The atmosphere got so much smoky that nothing was visible. Suddenly, one cried loudly, "I can't see anything, I am almost blind, Who's there? Save me, save me," Tiku and Monu found it's my brother terribly injured. They informed me instantly. I took him by an ambulance to the emergency department in the nearest hospital. The hospital authorities were very cooperative. They admitted my brother then and there. My brother's life was saved, but Jaydeep lost his one eye for ever.

2. Complete the following story.

Bunya was a foolish boy, who liked to be given plenty of attention and was always seeking it. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day he wanted to do an act of mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice, "There's a tiger, there's a tiger." ...

Ans.

A Foolish Woodcutter Boy

Once there lived a poor woodcutter boy, named Bunya, near a wood. He lost his father in his childhood. As he was foolish enough to do his duty, so he liked to be given plenty of attention as to perform his duties. As he was an orphan he was always at his wits' end and did foolish things. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day he wanted to do a mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice, "There's a tiger, there's a tiger." Many villagers came rushing to his aid. But on reaching they found Bunya laughing at how easily they got duped. It amused Bunya very much and he repeated his act. The villagers once again turned up to his aid but found out that Bunya was joking again. The villagers got irritated and vowed never to be made fun of by Bunya again. After a few days Bunya was cutting woods when he saw a tiger. He screamed and screamed for help but no one turned up for his help. Everybody thought that he was trying to fool them again but when Bunya's mother raised the alarm that it was 8 at night and he hadn't returned, they set out in his search only to find Bunya's bones. The tiger roared, "Never tell a lie".

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

Last week I went to market on bicycle to buy some books. I placed my bicycle outside the shop.

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2. Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

Yesterday I was going to school. On the way I saw a child in the middle of the road. A car was coming at full speed.

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3. Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

Once there was an old man. He had four sons. They always quarrelled with one another.

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4. Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

One day a dog found a piece of meat. He reached the bank of the river.

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5. Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

On Sunday I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside

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6. Complete the following story. Some inputs are given to help you start.

..... lion in the forest killing animals the animals gathered approach
the lion with an offer turn of one of the animals rabbit's turn old rabbit
wise and old. strode along to the Lion by sunset The Lion was angry wise
rabbit calm told about another Lion

7. Complete the following story. Some inputs are given to help you start.

A merchant riding home from fair always negative thinking had earned lot of
money sudden rainfall money got wet cursed god attacked
by robbers got fired at but due to wet gun powder not hit saved life
..... thanked god for rain realised whatever happens, happens alright.