



Telling a story in an effective way can be quite a challenge. This page intends to offer students some insights into the story writing process.

A basic **plan** in a narrative would include:

- **An introductory paragraph**, in which you introduce the characters and set the scene.
- **The main body** of the story (2 or more paragraphs), in which the main events are described, leading to a possible climax.
- **The final paragraph** (the ending), where you can refer to consequences, people's feelings etc.

Here are some **tips to keep in mind** during the story writing process:

- Stories can be written in the first or third person and can be about real or imaginary events.
- We normally use past tense in stories.
- Stories describe a sequence of events. The use of linking words such as: *First, Then/Next, After/Before, During/Meanwhile, No sooner...than, Finally* etc will give your story coherence.
- Using a variety of adjectives (*terrified, thrilling* etc) and adverbs (*fearlessly, cautiously* etc) will make your story more interesting to read.
- You can use descriptions of people, places or objects to create atmosphere and emphasize specific parts of the narration.