My Story Writing Guide

There are six things you can do to write a fantastic story.

1.
Analyse.

2.
Mind-map.

3.
Plan.

4.
Write a
first draft.

5.
Edit.

6.
Write a
final draft.
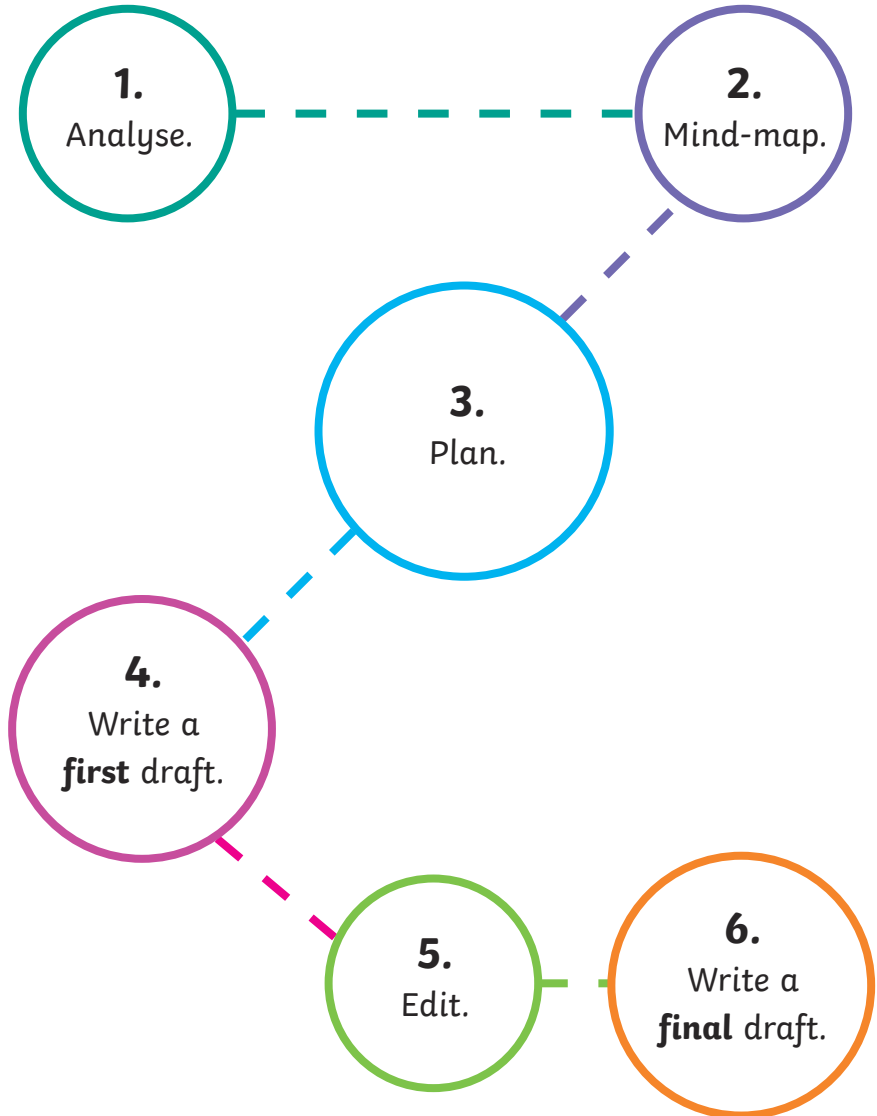
1. Analyse

What makes a good story? Tick all that you think are true.

- ☐ It has a beginning, middle and end.
- ☐ It has interesting characters.
- ☐ It has sentences and paragraphs.
- ☐ It's old.
- ☐ It's really, really, really long.
- ☐ It has a difficult problem that characters solve.
- ☐ It has adjectives and adverbs to describe things.

What's your favourite story? Why do you like it?

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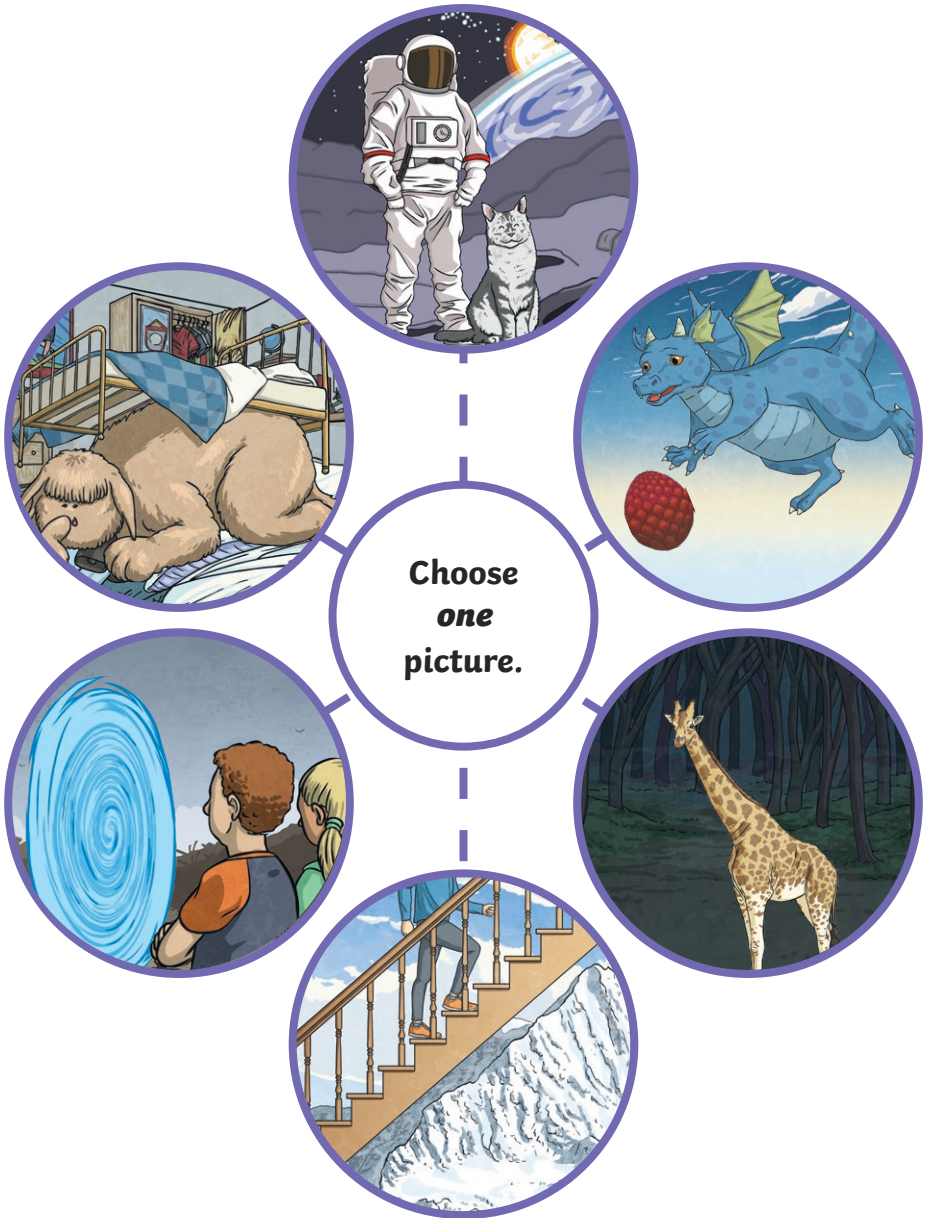**Who's your favourite character in a story?**
What makes them special?

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2. Mind-Map

Choose *one* picture.

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What can you see?

Who is in the picture?
What could their names be?

How did this happen?

Where are they going?

Ask and answer these questions about the picture that you chose.
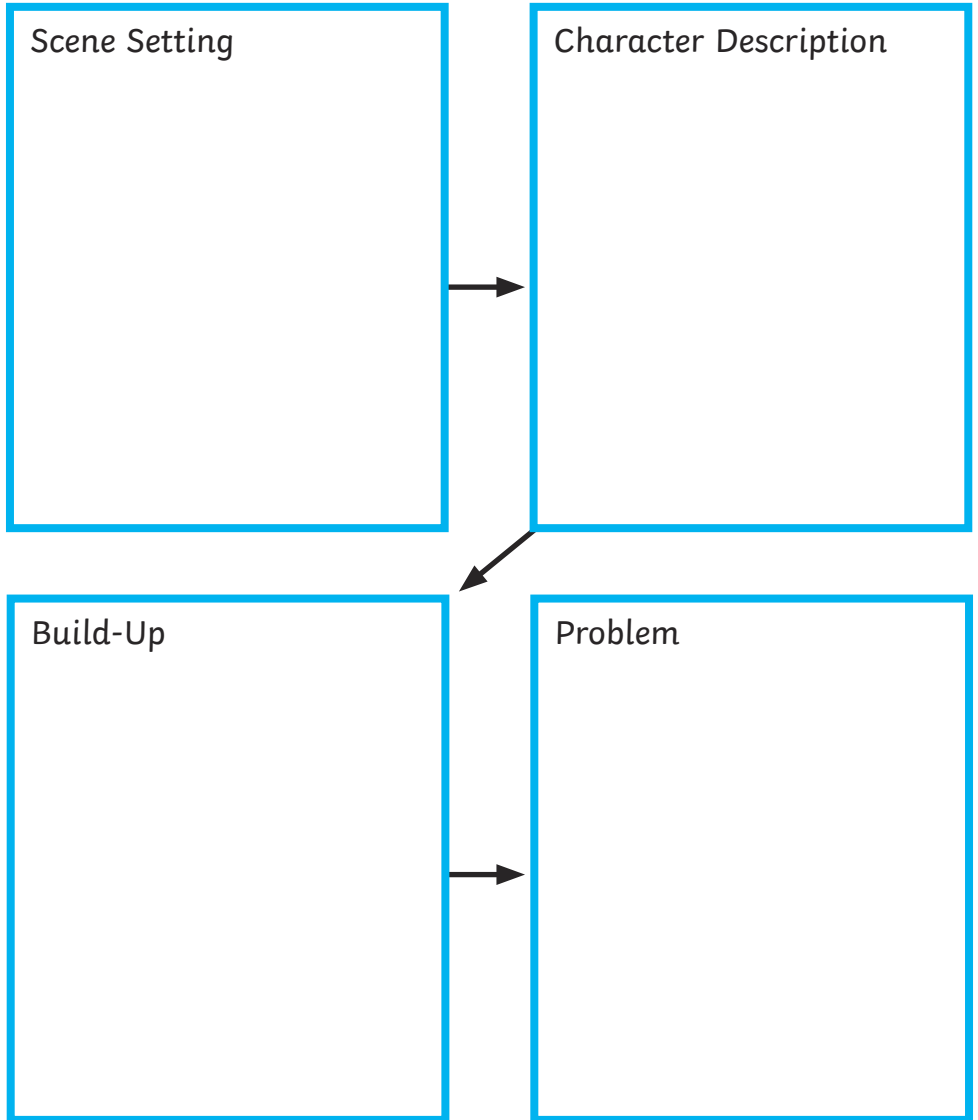
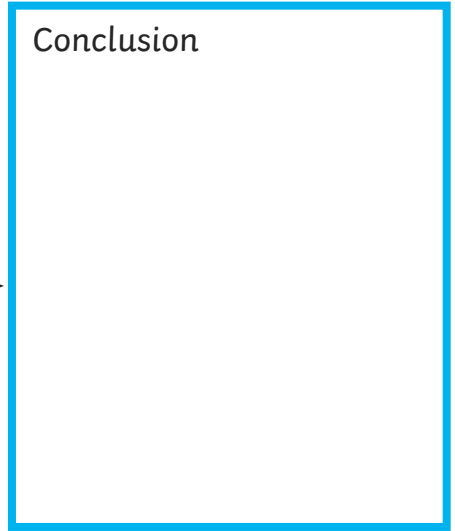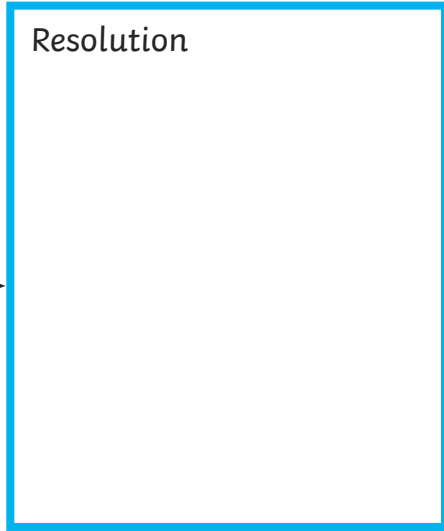What problem will they have?

How will the problem be resolved?

3a. Plan (Your Story)

Draw the main events of your story here:

Scene Setting	Character Description

Build-Up	Problem

Resolution

Conclusion

Draw and describe your characters:

Name:	Name:	Name:
Likes:	Likes:	Likes:
Dislikes:	Dislikes:	Dislikes:
Personality:	Personality:	Personality:

3b. Plan (Your Language)

7 verbs in the past tense

6 adjectives

4 connecting words

3 adverbs

3 time words

4. First Draft

5. Edit

How do you feel about your story?
What do you like? What could be better?

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Edit Checklist Did you include all of these?

☐ sentences with full stops

☐ paragraphs

☐ verbs in the past tense

☐ 4 connecting words

☐ 6 adjectives

☐ 3 adverbs

☐ 3 time words

Give your story to someone else to check.
What do they like about your story? What ideas do they have about how to make your story better?

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6. Final Draft

Story Title: _____

By: _____

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Answers/Extra Ideas

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Language Support

Verb Ideas:
- went
- saw
- heard
- opened
- ran
- shouted
- said
- knocked
- laughed
- helped
- felt
- needed
- got
- had

Adjective Ideas:
- big
- small
- friendly
- dark
- scary
- difficult
- magical/magic
- amazing
- beautiful

Time Word Ideas:
- next
- first
- second
- then
- finally
- in the end

Connecting Word Ideas:
- and
- but
- so
- because
- however
- also
- too

Adverb Ideas:
- suddenly
- slowly
- loudly
- quietly
- bravely
- cleverly
- happily
- sadly