

Great stories have great beginnings!

Here are 4 ways of starting a story that we have been practicing:



1. **An Action:** Put the main character in the setting doing something interesting. Example: *I Walked along the shady forest path on a magical afternoon.*
2. **Dialogue:** Have the main character say something that expresses a feeling, creates worry, or raises the reader's interest or curiosity. Example: *"What a magical day for a walk in the woods," I said.*
3. **A Thought/Question:** Show what the main character is thinking or worrying about. Example: *Today seems sort of magical I thought as I looked into the forest.*
4. **A Sound:** A story-relevant sound effect is a great attention getting technique. Example: *Zing! Whoosh! I spun around and stared into the forest. What had made that peculiar sound?*

Practice starting your own stories **each** of these ways. You will be amazed how well you start to write!

Great Story Writing Ideas:

- Simple everyday problem
- Wanting a pet
- Adventures of an escaped pet
- Magic goes wrong stories
- Character searching for something
- Friendship problems
- Sports
- Main character is transported to another time or world (harder)
- Rescue lost/wounded animal