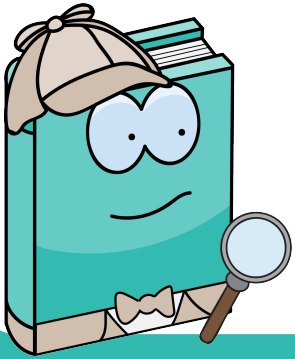


7 Once upon a time...

How you start your story is very important. The first few lines are essential because they make the reader want to read on. This is known as a 'hook'.

Start with...

- time
- a flashback
- a question
- describing a character
- describing a setting
- direct speech
- the weather
- a statement



Use the activity sheet to plan the perfect opening to your mystery story.

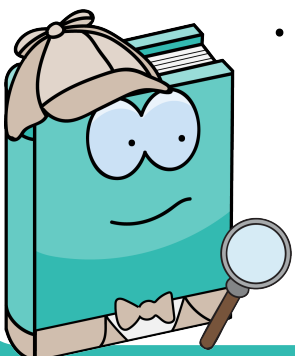
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8 Let's get planning!

The key to any great story is creating a story plan. This gives you the chance to get all your ideas down on paper and make changes, before you start writing.

Time to think about...

- characters
- settings
- vocabulary
- story opening
- the ending
- problems



Use the activity sheet to help you to plan your mystery story.

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