

Y1 Story Order

KS1 Y1 English · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

Which part is this: 'Once upon a time, there was a little rabbit who lived in the woods.'

Step 1 · This introduces the character and the setting

It's setting up the story

Step 2 · 'Once upon a time' is a beginning phrase

Beginning

Answer: This is the Beginning

Check: Beginnings tell us who the story is about and where it happens.

2. Now try one with the steps

Which part is this: 'At last, the rabbit found her way home and everyone was happy.'

Step 1 · This shows the problem being solved

Step 2 · 'At last' is an ending phrase

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. 'Suddenly, a big storm started and the boat began to rock!' Which story part is this?

2. What should you tell the reader in the Beginning of a story?

3. What usually happens in the Middle of a story?

4. What should the End of a story do?

5. Which is a good word to start the first sentence of a story: 'Finally' or 'Once'?
6. Put these time words in order: then, finally, first
7. 'They all lived happily ever after.' Which story part is this?
8. Put these in the right story order: 'They lived happily ever after.' / 'Once there was a dragon.' / 'The dragon got lost in a storm.'
9. Put in order: 'Next, we planted the seed.' / 'Last, it grew into a sunflower.' / 'First, we dug a hole.'
10. Write a middle for this story: 'Ravi went to the beach with his dad...'
11. Now write an ending for Ravi's story.
12. Why do stories usually need all three parts (beginning, middle, end) rather than just one?
13. Retell a story you know well (like Goldilocks) in three sentences.

4. Before you hand it in

Writing a story that jumps straight to the ending with no beginning or middle.

Always plan all three parts before you start writing: who/where, what happens, how it ends.

Ending a story without solving the problem from the middle.

Check: does your ending actually solve the problem you set up in the middle?

Starting every sentence with 'and then'.

Use different time words: first, next, after that, suddenly, in the end.