

Short story competition

Ages 7 to 18 years

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Getting ideas



Your character



The story



What makes a story interesting

THE THEME CHANGES EACH YEAR

You can base your story on one of the picture prompts and opening sentences on the website.

OR

Ignore those and come up with your own ideas.

Remember to stick to the theme, however you wish to interpret that. We want interesting, unusual stories that keep us reading!

Word limit from 100 to 750 words.

Your character

Is it you?

Is it someone else – real or
imagined?

What's their name?



The story

What's happening at the beginning?

Who else is there?

What's the problem?

What can your character(s) do to
sort it out?

How does it end?



What makes a story interesting?

Make the reader curious from the beginning

Keep the action moving

Speech plus description

Lots of problems to overcome

Use all your senses – smell, hearing, seeing, tasting, touching

Don't explain too much