

MY STORY WRITING ADVENTURE

Graphic Organizer & Writing Guide

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STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR STORY MISSION

Story Idea: The Secret Door in the School Library

While looking for your favorite book behind the tallest bookshelf, you discover a tiny glowing golden key on the floor. When you move the books, there is an antique wooden door you have never seen before! What happens when you open it?

 **Helpful Tip:** Close your eyes for 10 seconds. Picture in your mind: What color is the door? What strange sound or smell is coming from behind it?

STEP 2: PLAN YOUR CHARACTERS & SETTING (Brainstorming Box)

 MAIN CHARACTER (Who is in the story?) Name: _____ Personality: ☐ Brave ☐ Curious ☐ Funny ☐ Quiet Special skill or item they have: _____	 SETTING (Where and when does it happen?) Where: _____ Time: ☐ Morning ☐ Recess ☐ Rainy Afternoon What does it look / sound like? _____
 THE PROBLEM (What goes wrong or surprises them?) What challenge do they face? ☐ A magical creature needs help ☐ The door locks behind them! ☐ A mystery clue must be solved: _____	 THE SOLUTION (How does it get solved?) How do they fix the problem or escape? _____ Who helps them? _____ How do they feel at the end? _____

STEP 3: WRITER'S TOOLKIT & WORD BANK

 Order Words (Transitions) • First / At first • Suddenly • Next / After that • Meanwhile • Finally / In the end	 Sensory Words (See, Hear, Feel) • Glowing / Sparkling • Creaky / Whispering • Dusty / Chilly • Shivering • Mysterious	 Juicy Action Words (Verbs) • creeping / sneaking • gasped / shouted • discovered / unlocked • trembled / dashed • cheered / celebrated
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STEP 4: DRAW YOUR SCENE (Picture Clue)

 *Draw the secret door, the room behind it, or what your character discovers!*

Picture Caption: In this picture, _____



STEP 5: WRITE YOUR STORY 🖋️

Use the sentence starters below or write your own sentences. Remember to write clearly and leave finger spaces between your words!

● BEGINNING: Introduce the Character & Setting

Sentence Starter: One sunny morning in the school library, _____

● MIDDLE: The Mystery / Problem Happens

Sentence Starter: Suddenly, when the door creaked open, _____

● ACTION: How They Face the Challenge

Sentence Starter: To solve the mystery, I decided to _____

● ENDING: How Everything Wraps Up

Sentence Starter: In the end, everything turned out safe because _____

STEP 6: WRITER'S SELF-CHECK (C.O.P.S. Strategy) ✅**C - Capitals**

- ☐ Every sentence starts with a capital letter.
- ☐ Names are capitalized.

O - Order

- ☐ Words are in order and make sense.
- ☐ Sentences have finger spaces.

P - Punctuation

- ☐ Periods at ends (. ? !).
- ☐ Commas used in lists.

S - Spelling

- ☐ Checked Word Bank words.
- ☐ Sounded out difficult words.



