

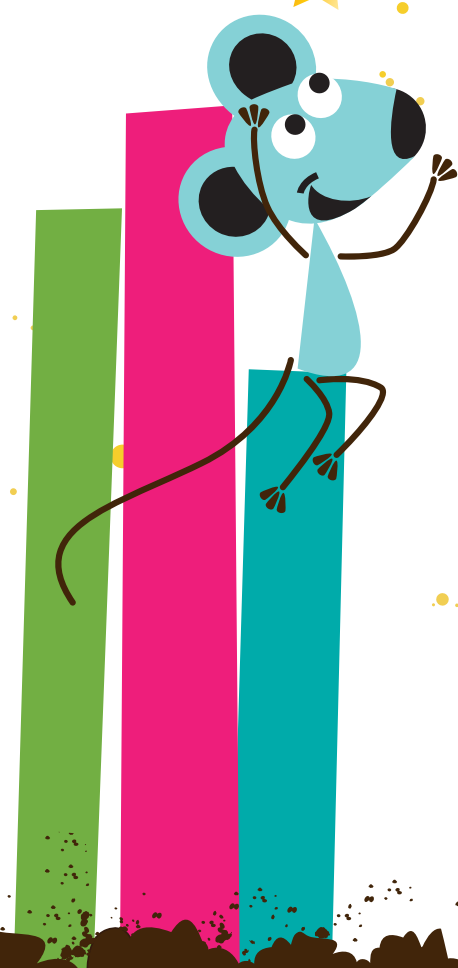
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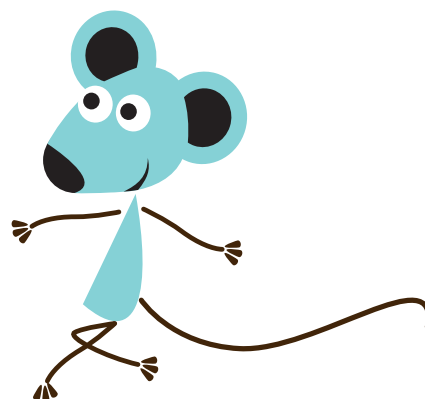
Sample Unit



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Planning a story

Read the story plan, and then answer the questions that follow.

This is a plan for writing a story. It is useful to plan a story before you write it to make sure it has a good structure. This type of plan is called a flowchart.



Daedalus and Icarus

Good stories have five parts:
1) The story begins

King Minos of Crete captured a terrible monster called the Minotaur.



King Minos asked Daedalus to make a prison to keep the Minotaur in. The prison was like a maze. It was called a labyrinth.

When Daedalus had finished making the labyrinth, he wanted to leave Crete with his son Icarus.

2) The story builds up to a problem

King Minos wouldn't let Daedalus and Icarus leave. He kept them prisoner in a high tower.

3) The problem happens

4) The characters solve the problem

Daedalus made wings for himself and Icarus, so that they could escape. The wings were made of birds' feathers stuck together with wax.

5) The story ends

The events in a story decide what type of story it is. A sad death makes this a tragedy.

Daedalus told Icarus not to fly too high or the sun would melt the wax.

Icarus forgot what his father said.

He flew too close to the sun and the wings came apart. He fell into the sea and died.



The arrows show how one part of the story leads to the next.



Get started

Discuss these questions with a partner.

1. Why is it useful to plan a story before writing it?
2. How many parts should a good story have? What are they?
3. What is useful about a flowchart for planning a story?

Try these

You do not always have to use a flowchart story plan. Design another way to plan a story. You should think about:

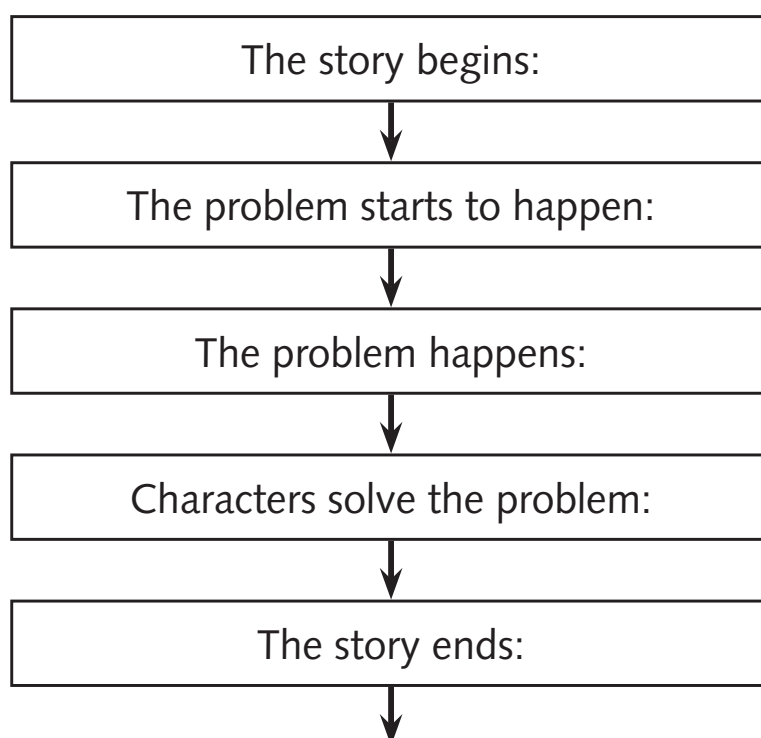
- the different parts that your story will have
- how to show how one part of the story moves to another.

Discuss your ideas with a partner and draw your story-plan design.

Now try these






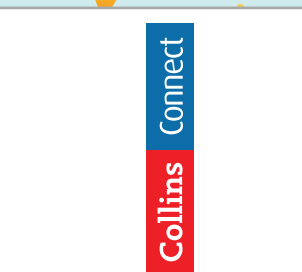





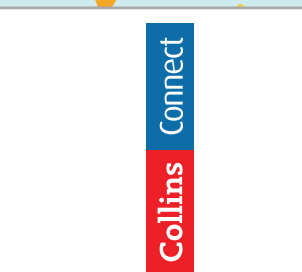





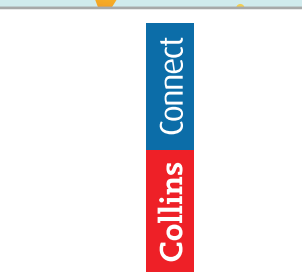





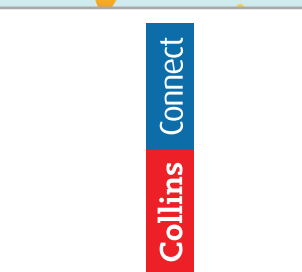





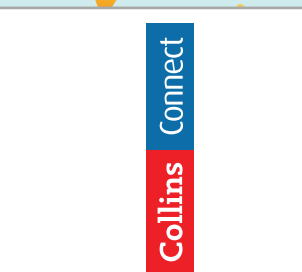





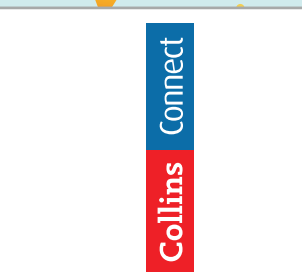
1. Plan your own story. Copy and complete this flowchart, or fill in your own story-plan design. You can use one of these story titles or invent your own.

- The Birthday Party
- The Lost Pet
- The School Trip



2. Write the opening paragraph of your story. Try to write four or five sentences introducing the setting and the characters.



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