



Shaping your story

Most stories have what's called a story arc - that's the shape you can see below. Things usually start off in a calm place, but once the problem appears, the story arc rises as the action gets more exciting! Once the problem is solved, the arc falls, the characters can relax again and the story ends. Read the story arc below to your Buddy and then start to fill in your own arc on the next page.

Middle

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Beginning

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End

Explain how the story **ends** and what the characters have **learnt** or gained from their adventure



Planning your story

Can you plan out what your story arc will look like? Jot down some of the ideas you've already had for the beginning and some ideas you might develop on your next call for the middle and the end.

Beginning

Start by describing your **characters** and **where** the story takes place.

E.g. Growler is a dog who lives with his owner, Georgie.

Your turn:

Middle

Tell the reader about a problem your character faces. Describe the **adventure** they go on to solve their problem.

E.g. Growler loses his favourite bone. Growler and Georgie search the neighbourhood for the bone. On their search, they meet...

Your turn:

End

Explain how the story **ends** and what the characters have **learnt** or gained from their adventure.

E.g. Growler finds the bone in the neighbour's cat basket! Growler and the neighbour's cat have always been enemies. In order to get his bone back, Growler...

Your turn:
