

Story Starters

1.

Read the story starter and continue the story. Write out this paragraph first and think of a title.

The invitations were ready. Piles of cream-coloured envelopes stood on the dressing table in Katie's bedroom. They would need posting as soon as possible, before people booked their summer holiday.

What happens next?

2.

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Richard Taylor closed his eyes, but it didn't help. The van had just hit a patch of ice and was sliding to the right. It veered across the frozen surface towards the safety rail...

What happens next?

3.

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Becky hurried towards the bus stop. The rain splashed her light brown hair and pale face, but her face had been wet long before the rain touched it. She had been crying, and still was.

What happens next?

4.

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It had rained every day since Grandma arrived in London. Every single day. Grandma sighed deeply as she gazed out of the window.

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5.

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Jamie was a show-off. Whatever you knew, he knew better. Whatever you had, he had better. And he could always win the argument by thumping you because he was bigger. However, one day...

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6.

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The afternoon was hot, and so was the railway carriage. The next stop was Templeboom, nearly an hour ahead. The old lady opposite was fast asleep and I wondered whether she'd missed her stop. But I didn't dare wake her.

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It was absolutely enormous! I couldn't believe my eyes. The trouble was it appeared to be getting bigger and bigger. I learned closer....

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The castle stood on a great rock with a twisty flight of steps going up to it from the car park, a hundred and ninety-nine steps the guidebook had said, and the children intended to count them all.

What happened next?

9.

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The first match of the season was on Saturday. I could hardly sleep thinking about it. What if I broke my leg or something and couldn't play? I had to stop thinking like this, I'm sure everything will be fine....

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10.

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Suddenly, the phone rang. Tom jumped out of the chair and ran to answer it. No one there. He put it down and sat back in the great armchair. He waited for the next call...

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