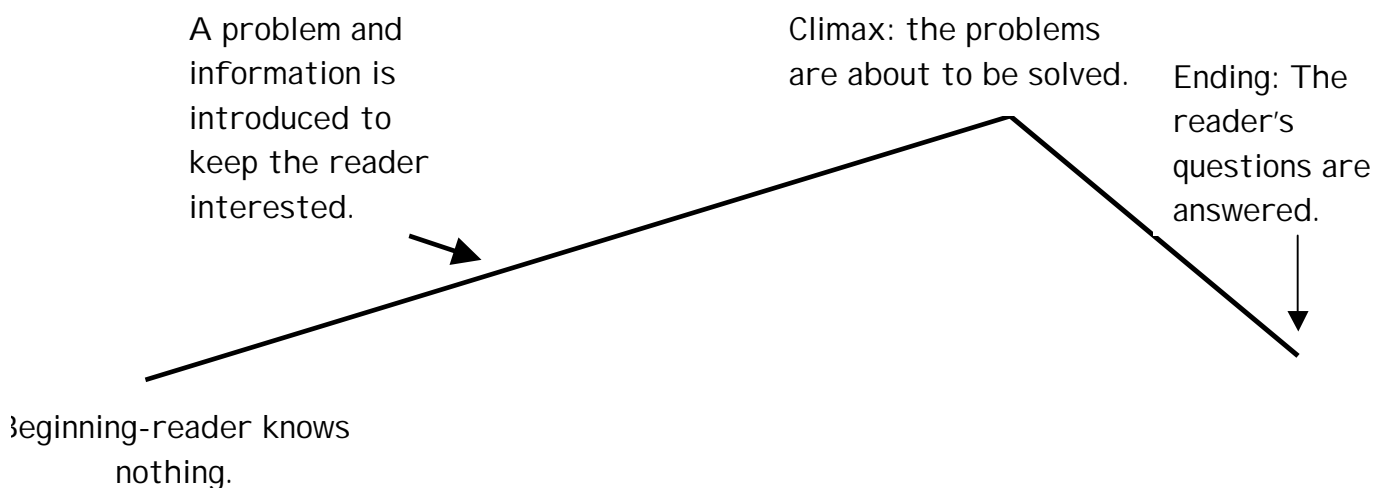


Structure: Plan

Use the table below to plan your story

<u>First sentence</u> Direct speech, question, exclamation...	
<u>Beginning/Introduction/Exposition</u> What do you need to tell your reader about the place, characters and plot, while still keeping them interested?	
<u>Middle/Problem</u> What will you add that will keep your reader interested?	
<u>Climax</u> What is the event that is the climax of your story, just before all of the problems get solved and the reader's questions are answered?	
<u>Ending/Resolution</u> How will you end so that the problems are resolved and the reader is satisfied? Will you use an unexpected ending?	

Another way to visualise your story is as a graph like the one below:



Characters

Readers infer or deduce, a bit like a detective, information about a character, sometimes drawing on stereotypes, and sometimes realising the complexities of the character they are reading about.

A reader can infer, or work out, what a character is like from their:

- name

- personality

- appearance (looks)

- preferences: likes and dislikes

- interaction with other characters
 - what they do

 - how they talk

- what other characters say about them

Make notes under the above headings to plan two main characters.

Varied vocabulary and "Show, don't tell!"TASK: MAKE THE SENTENCES BELOW MORE INTERESTING!

A) Begin by changing the vocabulary so that is more unusual and varied.

B) SHOW; DON'T TELL! One way of making your writing more interesting is to SHOW rather than TELL. How could you show what some-one's mood is like or what the weather and atmosphere is like, without just telling the reader?

For example:

He was unhappy

He wiped away a glistening tear as he watched her turn away and move purposefully towards the door.

1. He was nice.
2. She was a kind person.
3. He was happy.
4. The wind blew hard.
5. She sat in the tree waiting for her friend.
6. The weather was good.
7. It was sunny.
8. He was angry.
9. The dog barked at the children.
10. Then he walked to school.