

Short story challenge

You will be provided with an image - your job is to create a short story based on that image.

You will also be given a series of challenges to try to include in your story. These could be:

- A sentence starter to use
- A series of ambitious words to include
- A final line
- An idea to include
- A certain language technique to use
- A certain structural technique to use
- A certain number of words you must use



Challenge Tasks:

Start with this sentence:

Gulping for air, I desperately swam towards the pier to find...

Include these words in your first paragraph (if you don't know what they mean then look them up):

Arduous

Morose

Structural technique:

Include a flashback in your story that begins with 'Suddenly, my mind drifted back to 3 years ago when ...'

Idea to include:

Could you bring in the Loch Ness Monster?

Language techniques:

Use a simile and an example of personification.



Challenge Tasks:

Start with this sentence opener:

Spinning around quickly, I realised that I was completely alone and ...

Include these words in your first paragraph (if you don't know what they mean then look them up):

Vibrant

Isolated

Title:

Call your story 'The Key'...how could you make this title fit with your story?

Idea to include:

Could you comment on why the playground is empty?

Final line:

With a frantic shudder I woke up on the sandy floor to find a crowd of worried children staring down at me.



Challenge Tasks:

Start here:

Start your story by being sat in the car on a warm July day.

Include these words in your first paragraph (if you don't know what they mean then look them up):

Turbulent

Trepidation

Title:

Call your story 'Overcoming my biggest fear'...can you make this title fit with your story?

Idea to include:

Could you include an ear piercing scream?

Number of words to use:

Try to write 500 words today.



Challenge Tasks:

Title:

Call your story 'The lost ones'...can you make this title fit with your story?

Include these words in your first paragraph (if you don't know what they mean then look them up):

Ominous

Sinister

Menacing

Idea to include:

Could you include a chase?

Super challenge:

Instead of narrating from your point of view (a human who is there), could you narrate from the perspective of the crow?