

Ingredients for a great story!

- Plan your story on paper. Think who is it about? What is going to happen in the end? What exciting and interesting things will happen along the way?

- * A 'punchy' start that 'grabs' the readers attention, such as speech, onomatopoeia or a piece of great description.

- Three well described characters (looks, experiences and personality)

- * At least FOUR indented paragraphs

- A sub-plot or flashback using 'Meanwhile

- * A list to show that you know how to use punctuation; commas, colons, semi-colons etc.

- A conversation to show "direct speech" and new speech, new line.

- * A well structured story, having a beginning, middle and an appropriate end.

- When you have finished. Read your story VERY carefully, asking yourself, 'Does this make sense?' If it doesn't, change it!

Mix well in a hot classroom for 45 minutes and serve immediately to a hungry teacher!