

# How to write a story for a small child.

If you follow these simple steps you will be able to write a little story that will delight a younger brother, sister or friend. Try it and see!



1. Think of an animal, bird or other creature that you know something about – you don't need to know very much. Jot its name down here: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Think of some characteristics of your chosen creature, e.g. if you chose a kangaroo; it has a pocket and it jumps about. Jot down the characteristics here: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Now think of a problem that your creature might have. Jot it down here: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The next thing is to think how the problem might be solved. Note your solution here: \_\_\_\_\_

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Now you have the bare bones of a story! All you have to do is write it up. You may want to give the creature a name (e.g. Katherine the Kangaroo). Remember that small children like repetition so (if you want) your creature can go round telling its problem to all its friends one after another and they can offer suggestions, refuse to help etc. before the solution is reached.