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# Story Building Series

## Lesson 1

Writing a picture book is a big challenge but can be a rewarding journey. There are many steps we need to put in place to help bring it altogether. This month its all about getting your ideas onto the page. With the templates in this lesson and a little brainstorming you might find your best story yet.

### **How do we get ideas for a story?**

There are many ways to spark an idea for a picture book. You may already have a story in mind if so you can use the templates provided to shape your idea.

### **BRAINSTORMING**

When brainstorming think about the story you wish to read. Maybe you have a funny pet you want to write about or even a sad story to tell. You can write about something that actually happened to you. Another idea is to use your imagination and write a story about something you imagined or dreamed.

Doug the Bug wants to write a story about his wild adventures, maybe you have a wild adventure you want to share. Brainstorming is fun and there are no wrong ideas.

Other ways to spark ideas are to, **ask questions.**

What did you see that was strange, odd, sad, frightening or even funny today?  
What happened in the school lunchbreak today?  
Where is your favourite place to go?  
Who is your favourite pet and why?  
What superpower do you wish you had?  
If you could travel through time where would you go?  
Who in your life needs some help with a problem?

Games to play in class someone starts a story and everyone adds a sentence. It could be about Doug the bug.

Get one student to write a writing prompt each week.

Use the template to write down every idea that comes into your head. When you find the idea that sounds fun to write use the tree questionnaire to write down some simple answers to build on your story idea. Most of all have fun brainstorming and sharing your ideas in class.