

Can I write the build up and
problem of my story?

Fast Five

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2. ... the truck came over the horizon.
3. ... he walked to the shop.
4. ... the man mowed the grass.

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E.g.

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- Happily
- Without warning
- Suddenly
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- Once a week
- Everyday
- Sometimes
- Daily
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Answers on the next slide

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Other fronted adverbials are acceptable as long as they make sense.

Story Mountain

Dilemma

What is the problem/main event in the story?

Build-up

What happens next? How do we hint to the problem?

Resolution

How is the problem resolved/sorted out?

Opening

Set the scene for the story. Introduce characters.

Closing

How does the story end? Does it end happily? Is there a twist?

Build up- what happens next?

While the frogs, the owls, the fish and the gophers joined the lamb in his wondrous waltz, the lamb became aware of the rickety truck, that was covered in rust, emerging over the horizon. Without warning, a hand appeared over the lamb like an angry claw. It grabbed the lamb around the leg, pulled sharply, and threw him into the back of the truck. As quick as a flash, the truck disappeared over the horizon, leaving the frogs, the owls, the fish and the gophers wondering where the lamb could have been taken...



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Adjectives

Fronted adverbials

Suspense

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Adjectives/Expanded noun phrase

Fronted adverbials

Suspense

Problem/Dilemma- Main event

Under cover of darkness, while the wind howled and the rain poured, the rusted truck returned. The lamb was thrown hastily from the truck back onto the giant rock where he lived. He landed with a thump into an enormous puddle where he could see his reflection. He cautiously looked down and was horrified what what he saw...

His wool! His beautiful coat of wool which was as white as snow! It was gone! All he could see were his scrawny legs which were smooth and pink. Looking around, he could see his friends- the frogs, the owls, the fish and the gophers. Only now, they weren't dancing with him, they were laughing at him. Embarrassed by his appearance, the lamb retreated to his bush for shelter, which was dripping water onto the lamb's head.



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Today's task

Use the planning sheet to help plan your build up and problem in your book.

Write your build up and problem in your book (one paragraph for the build up, and one paragraph for the problem). Remember to include:

Adjectives/Expanded noun phrase

Fronted adverbials

Suspense

Conjunctions