



# Writing your own Traditional Tale!

Write a traditional tale based on the story of the Gingerbread Man.



## Lesson Objective:

- To write the start of my traditional tale.

# Traditional Tales

Yesterday we planned our stories. You thought about the characters, the setting and the main events that will happen in your story.

Today, we are going to start writing our story!

# How will you start your story?

Once upon a time...

A long, long time ago...

In a land far, far away...

In a faraway kingdom...

One sunny day...

Did you ever hear the story of...

Early one morning...



# Introduce the characters and the setting...

## Characters

Who are the characters in your story?



## Setting

Where is your story set? Is it in a forest, a town, in the park or somewhere else?



## Opening

Introduce the characters and the location of the story.



# ▶ Making your writing interesting

We can make our writing more interesting for the reader by...

- Using adjectives and interesting descriptions in our writing.
- Using a range of sentence openers. You can use the 'sentence opener' word mat for inspiration.
- Including some similes in your descriptions.

# Example story beginning...

Did you ever hear the story of the runaway strawberry? He lived on his strawberry plant on the edge of a large meadow. Every day he would enjoy chatting with all the other strawberries living on the bush. Brightly coloured butterflies fluttered over their heads and wriggly worms tickled their leaves. The strawberry was bright red and as shiny as a diamond.

One hot, summer day the strawberry was basking in the bright sunshine minding his own business. Suddenly, he heard a commotion coming from the strawberry bush next to his. He looked up and to his horror he saw a sweaty, rotund farmer ripped the strawberries from their bush. The farmer had long, wiry hairs sticking out of his ears and sweat was pouring down his face like a waterfall.

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One **hot, summers** day the strawberry was basking in the **warm** sunshine minding his own business. **Suddenly**, he heard a commotion coming from the strawberry bush next to his. He looked up and to his horror he saw a **sweaty, rotund** farmer was ripping strawberries from their bush. The farmer had **long, wiry** hairs sticking out of his ears and sweat was **pouring down his face like a waterfall**.

## Your turn!

Write the start of your story. When you have finished read back what you have written and see if you can add any more information or some adjectives and similes to make it more interesting. Don't forget to check your punctuation.

Once you are happy with what you have written, you can write it up in neat!

Tomorrow you will be writing the middle of your story.



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