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10 Points for Creative Writing (for primary pupils) by Alyson Morris, Course Director, English and Creative Writing, Coventry University

10 points to consider when writing creatively

1. Write about things you know.
2. Make a list of story ideas and choose your favourite.
3. Choose the best setting for your story, a bedroom, a garden, a school? Think about why it is the best setting. Draw it and write a description.
4. Make a list of characters and their names, and choose who will be your main character. Think about why he or she is your main character. Draw her/him and write a description.
5. Get to know your character. What do they look like? How old are they? What makes them happy, sad and angry? What is their problem to sort out, and what gets in the way?
6. Make a list of things that happen in your story.
7. Start writing. If you get stuck, close your eyes and watch what your characters do next (let your imagination show you).
8. When you finish, make sure you have included your descriptions or drawings, so that your readers can see what things look like.
9. When you finish your story, read it aloud. This will help you write better sentences.
10. Show your story to others and find out what they like or dislike about it, so that you can make your story even better.