Step 1.
Plan for Success

If you got a dollar for every time you told your kids to plan their work, you'd be living on a tropical island now, right???
It's hard to show people HOW to plan, so here's a quick method. Good stories (like movies, books, poems and even jokes) are all planned – and they all have a similar structure. This is what it looks like.

1. **Start with a bang** – this usually has the main character in an action scene.
2. **Back fill** – the Who, What, Why is filled in while the action unfolds.
3. **The main problem** is introduced.
4. **Complications** and more problems. Things get very bad indeed.
5. **Tension scene** where hero/heroine fights against incredible odds
6. **Climax** – incredibly, wonderfully they win!

Once writers know these basics, they have a SYSTEM to their planning – and this really improves their writing!

**TOP TIP:**
Think first, write second.
Draw yourself a graph like this one and plot your stories out BEFORE you start writing.

**ACTION ACTIVITY:**
Watch TV ads – you know the ones that 'tell a story.' In 30 seconds, some ads can create a start, tension scene and great ending, exactly like the story graph.

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Hillary 3B

Orientation (Beginning)
- Crystal Luxury
- Home
- Hall
- Students not be列表

Problems
- Loss of kids walking
- Parents watch TV
- Can't speak and do something

Solutions (Ending)
- Both goes
- Parents leave to pick up kids
- Kids need to
- Pretends all alone

Veronica 3B

Beginning
- Crystal Luxury
- Setting of train

Problem
- Ring bell for free
- On occasion

Ending
- Work, structure, education

Amethyst 3B

Every day is school
- Is like a game and fun
- Great help

Make
- Good-bye
- Music club and worked
- Once finished that
- Is no longer afraid of ghosts