

Fantasy Story

Fantasy stories are about imaginary places with lots of weird, wonderful and magical characters. Use these words to help you to write your own fantasy story.

magical	dazzling	kingdom	maze	dragon	ogre
mysterious	delightful	portal	world	wizard	mermaid
odd	vivid	dungeon	rainbow	witch	troll
wonderful	eerie	forest	cave	fairy	goblin
ugly	powerful	lair	sea	unicorn	magician
enchanted	weird	castle	sky	elf	sprite
shadowy	puzzling	island	clouds	gorgon	leprechaun
murky		empire		giant	



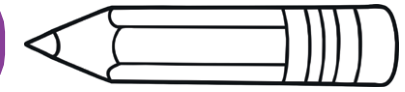
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Adverbs

bravely

briskly

courageously

curiously

fearfully

gallantly

gruesomely

immediately

instantly

mysteriously

rapidly

secretively

stealthily

swiftly

unexpectedly

What Might the Characters Be Like?

alluring, captivating, charming, considerate, courageous, cursed, daring, fascinating, fearless, heroic, intriguing, menacing, mesmerizing, monstrous, mysterious, mystifying, peculiar, valiant

What Might the Setting Be Like?

awe-inspiring, breathtaking, bustling, eerie, elegant, enchanted, extravagant, glorious, isolated, lavish, luxurious, magical, majestic, mystical, regal, remote, spectacular, spine-chilling, swarming, tranquil, unsightly

Does your fantasy story include...

a portal between a real and imagined place?	
a descriptive account of the imaginary setting?	
magical or menacing characters or creatures?	
a main character going on a quest?	
dialogue to advance the action?	
characters' feelings being shown to build tension?	
a problem that is resolved by a character?	

Sentence Openers

As their hearts raced,

As the sinister sorcerer inched forward,

After a harrowing journey,

Beyond the clouds,

Dazed and confused,

During the exhilarating voyage,

Fascinated by its appearance,

Deep in the lair,

In a far-off kingdom,

In the depths of the enchanted forest,

Looming on the horizon,

On a remote island,

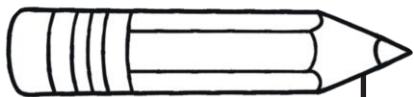
Peering around the unfamiliar environment,

Setting off on the challenging quest,

While the courageous hero advanced through the labyrinth,

Word Bank

adventure	dungeon	immortal	quest
astounding	empire	kingdom	sorcerer
castle	fairy	labyrinth	unicorn
creatures	fortress	lair	warlock
dazzling	gargoyle	ogre	witch
dragon	gateway	portal	woodland



Examples of Key Features

a portal between a real and imagined place

a descriptive account of the imaginary setting

magical or menacing characters or creatures

dialogue to create atmosphere or advance the action

characters' feelings being shown to build tension

The Quest to Alanador (an extract)

Sara was fed up; it had been raining heavily for every day of her half-term holiday so far and the miserable weather had ruined nearly all of her long-awaited plans. Sara thought to herself, 'It's not stopping me from having fun today.' She put on her wellies and coat and set off on a rainy walk.

As Sara walked along a muddy path, she noticed a deep puddle gleaming in the distance. It was peculiar how brightly it shone when it was such a miserable, dark day. Fascinated by its shimmering appearance, Sara walked over and peered down at the puddle. Instantly, two sapphire, wide eyes stared back at her. Sara's heart began to race. Before she



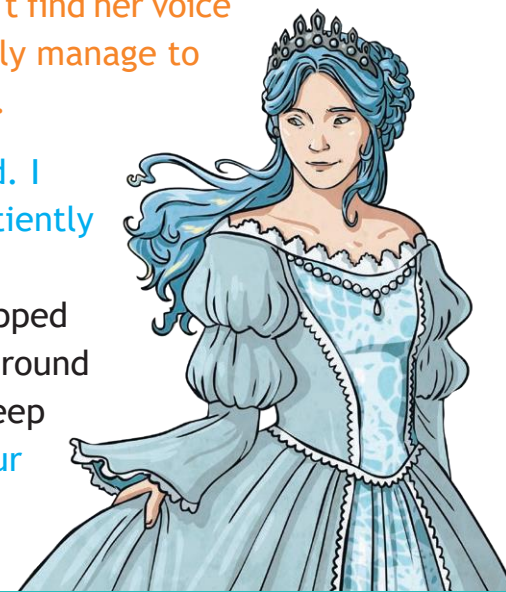
could turn away and flee, a misty, blue cloud appeared. When the cloud vanished, Sara was left standing in a breathtaking fortress made of ice, face to face with an elegant queen cloaked in ivory silk.

While Sara tried to take in her new surroundings, she tried to suppress her body from shaking in fear. Under her feet was a blanket of snow and pointed icicles decorated the ceiling of the cave, glistening like jewels. Straight ahead of her was a silver throne adorned with diamonds; two large huskies sat beside it, watching Sara curiously and intently.

"Sara Phillips I believe?" The enchanting queen edged closer to Sara. She moved so gracefully across the snow that it appeared as if she was floating.

Terrified, Sara couldn't find her voice to reply and could only manage to nod her head slightly.

"No need to be afraid. I have been waiting patiently for you," the queen explained as she wrapped a thick, silver shawl around Sara's shoulders to keep her warm. "I need your help on a quest."



Checklist: Fantasy Story (Ages 7 - 11)

An imaginary setting



A main character with a problem



Fantastical characters and magic



A build-up



A climax/problem



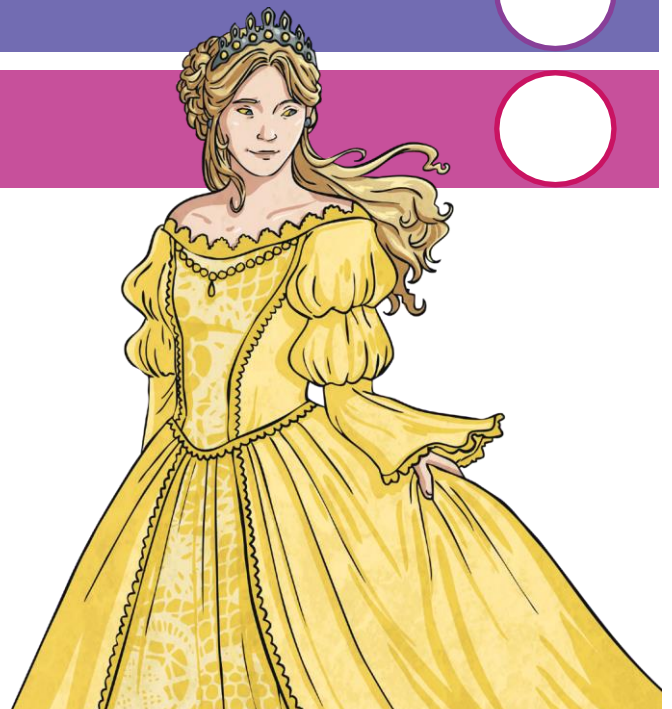
A resolution



A mysterious or happy ending



Magical adjectives and expanded noun phrases



Fantasy

Definition:

A story about imagined, fantastical people or creatures, and places that are not based on reality.

Fantasy stories often feature:

- a portal between a real and an imagined place;
- a main character(s) going on a quest or search;
- lots of magical, peculiar and often menacing characters and creatures;
- settings with lots of ambitious adjectives;
- a build-up, a dilemma and a resolution;
- a mysterious ending.

Keywords

Adjectives

magical
mysterious
peculiar
menacing
heroic
enchanted
cursed
shadowy
murky
dazzling
vivid
astounding

Settings

kingdom
portal
dungeon
forest
lair
labyrinth
castle
island
empire
maze
fortress
citadel

Nouns

dragon
wizard
witch
fairy
unicorn
elf
sorcerer
alchemist
gorgon
giant
ogre
warlock

Fronted Adverbials

As quick as a flash,
Without warning,
As his/her heart raced,
With great delight,
Racing for his/her life,
In complete astonishment,
Beyond the clouds,
In a far-off kingdom,
On a remote island,
Deep in the lair,
Dazed and confused,
In the distance,

