

I bet you have an amazing story to tell!

Here are some hints to get started:

- Your story will be a little bit different every time you want to write one, even if it has the same idea.
- Some stories are true (non-fiction) and some are make-believe (fiction). You can try to write some of each.

Ok, let's get started.

1. Where will your story take place? Either write a description or draw a picture of a place for your story. This is called a setting. It can be somewhere you've been, like school or your room, or it can be somewhere in nature, like the beach or a stream, or it can be a fantasy place - a castle or a cloud or an imaginary planet.
2. Now let's decide who is in the story. These are characters. Write descriptions or draw pictures of three people, animals, or imaginary beings that will be in your story.
3. Choose one character and give that character a goal or a dream. Maybe a boy really wants to learn to swim and he just can't, or maybe a bird wishes she were a little girl. Whatever the character wants, you will help them to get it - or at least to try - in your story.
4. Now you are ready to begin. Write about your characters and where they live. Describe all the best parts like what it feels like to be in that place and what the characters are feeling and what they look like. Be sure to explain what the main character wants to achieve.
5. As you keep on writing, imagine that the characters are talking to you. What ideas does the character have for solving their problem or reaching their goal? Write them down and write about the character trying. Let the other characters help out, or maybe they make it harder.
6. Keep on writing and enjoy. Soon you will come to a place where the character will either get to achieve their goal or not. Keep imagining what the characters will do and write the ending of the story. You get to decide if it is a happy ending or a sad one.
7. When you are finished, you can either read your story to someone. Or make some pictures to go with it. Or just keep it for yourself and make another one. Have fun!