

# 1 planning your own fairy tale

**Time:** In conventional phrases, for example: 'Once upon a time,' 'Far, far away' and 'Many, many years ago.'

What opening phrase will you use that sets the time?

**Setting:** Sketchy, just a place where something may happen. For example: a river, a forest, a bridge, beside a tree.

Where will your folk tale be set?

**Characters:** Often stereotyped, people with a trade, royalty or animals. For example: a poor miller, a beautiful princess, a wicked stepmother, bears, pigs.

What characters will your folk tale have?

**Beginning:** Quickly introduces character, setting and time.

What will be your opening few sentences?



### Main plot:

- Straightforward
- Obstacles often appear, which builds up tension for the listener
- Usually sets up a problem to be solved
- Has a message. For example: don't lie, it pays to wait, money is the root of all evil.

What will your 'problem' be?

What obstacles will appear?

What is the 'message' of your folk tale?

### Ending:

- Solves the problem (a resolution).
- Usually 'short and sweet'.
- Underdogs / good are often rewarded, the bad punished.

How will the problems be resolved? How will your story end?



Happy writing!

