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**LESSON 39**  
**Add-on Stories**

**Prewrite**



# A story has four elements

### Characters

The animals or the persons in the story (Who)

### Setting

The time and the place (Where and when)

### Problem

The problem the main character faces (What)

### Plot

The action in the story (How was the problem solved?)

## Add-on Stories

- An add-on story is a short piece of writing with a main character, other characters, and a simple plot.
- The plot is a series of events:

The main character faces a certain problem, and then other characters are introduced one by one to help the main character solve a problem.



Today we'll learn...

# The Writing Process of an Add-on Story

## Prewrite



## Lead-in

Read the highlighted part and answer the question.

Sun had a problem. She was shining, but no one could see her. Clouds were in the way.

Wind tried to help. He huffed and puffed. The clouds wouldn't move.

Then Moon came along. He said, "Go to sleep, Sun. When you wake, the clouds will be gone." Moon glowed all night. The clouds wouldn't move.

Finally, Wolf came along and howled at Moon. "Owoooo!" Suddenly, the clouds got scared and flew away.

In the morning, the clouds were gone. Sun felt happy because everyone could see her now.

What elements are included in the first paragraph?  
Tick them off.

- ☐ Characters
- ☐ Setting
- ☐ Problem
- ☐ Plot





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What about the other parts?  
Tick the element that they're about.

- ☐ Characters
- ☐ Setting
- ☐ Problem
- ☐ Plot





## Let's Learn

Alice wants to write an add-on story.  
Now she needs to do two things for story prewriting.

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### Set Up the Story

- the main character
- setting
- problem

2

### Gather Details

- the add-on characters
- the plot/their actions





### Set Up the Story

To set up the story, Alice talked to her friend Robin.  
Look! What did they make?

**Who** is the  
main character?

**What** problems  
happen?

**When** does the  
story happen?

**Where** does the  
story happen?

We can start with  
the Questions Chart!





## Set Up the Story

Answer this Questions Chart to set up the story!

This is going to be a  
story about a rabbit!  
What else do you see?



Who is the  
main character?

rabbit

What problems  
happen?

get stuck  
in a hole

When does the  
story happen?

morning

Where does the  
story happen?

outside



## Let's Learn

### Gather Details

After setting up the story, we still need to think about the add-on characters! What did they draw?

Character	Action
Ostrich	
Little Kangaroo	
Python	

Use the Story Grid to plan other characters and their actions!





## Let's Learn

### Gather Details

Think about other characters and their actions.  
Complete the story grid.

Other  
characters tried  
different ways to solve  
the problem!

Character	Action
Ostrich	used her long neck to try to reach Rabbit
Little Kangaroo	jumped into the hole to try to save Rabbit
Python	tied himself into a tree and lowered himself into the hole





## Let's Do

Select your own topic and finish your Questions Chart.

Main Character (Who)	Setting (Where)
star	sky
daisy	garden
turtle	park

Setting (When)	Problem (What)
at night	begins blinking
in the morning	blooms late
in the afternoon	gets lost

Who is the main character?

What problem happens?

Where does the story happen?

When does the story happen?



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Let's Do

Complete your story grid to gather details.

Think of three characters that can help your main character solve the problem.



Other characters	Action



Prewrite

Write

Revise

Edit

Publish

## 1 Choose a topic

Step 1: Talk    Step 2: Build

### Questions Chart

Who is the main character?	rabbit
What problems happen?	get stuck in a hole
When does the story happen?	morning
Where does the story happen?	outside

## 2 Gather Details

Step 1: Think    Step 2: Choose    Step 3: Make

### Story Grid

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