

# HOW TO WRITE A SHORT STORY



## 2. Plan story submission

Think ahead: Find publications that accept similar stories.



## 4. Plan characters, setting

How might characters and your setting look, feel, change?



## 6. Write a 1-page synopsis

Try writing your story as a single page - you'll find the central events.



## 8. Create a strong climax

How will it build the situation found at the start to a peak?

## 1. Brainstorm a scenario

What is your story's who, what, why, where and when?



## 3. Find your story's focus

Short stories have less space: make every sentence focused.



## 5. Choose a point of view

Who narrates? What information do they have/not have?



## 7. Create a strong opening

Start with the unusual, unexpected, with mystery or conflict.

