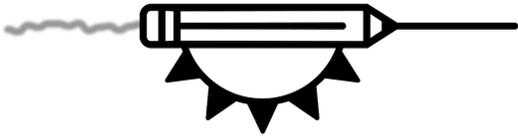


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Story Subject Inspiration

Chris is a chicken. Chris needs a job to buy a hoverboard. How does Chris get a job and what is the job? Who helps or becomes a friend or enemy along the way? If Chris is able to get a hoverboard, what is it used for? Why did Chris want this hoverboard in the first place?

Challenge Words to Include

1 Benefit

Benefit is something that produces good or helpful results or effects or that promotes well-being.

Example: “The benefit of this snow day is that I get to sleep in.”

2 Delay

Delay is the act of postponing, hindering, or causing something to occur more slowly than normal.

Example: “School is late from the delay caused by snow.”

3 Lack

Lack is to be deficient or missing.

Example: “I lack the ability to smell so it doesn’t stink to me.”

All definitions sourced from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary

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Narrative Technique Challenges

- 1 Try to write from a **first-person point of view**. This means that **YOU** are the main character and the one telling the story. You will use pronouns (a word used instead of a noun to refer to yourself or others) such as “I”, “me”, and “myself”.

Example: “I woke up early one morning because I was too excited about the idea of having a hoverboard.”

- 2 The **setting** of a story is where and when it takes place. Chris lives on the roof of a tall building in the rainy city of Seattle. The year is 2022.
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Tips Box

- ☆ A successful story spends a lot of time creating characters and sharing details about them—this is called **character development**.
 - ☆ Shaping a character’s personality and struggles can help the reader get excited and interested in the story and decide how they feel about them. Some characters can be lovable and silly while others are serious or mean.
 - ☆ Sharing information about a character’s history can help explain why they are who they are, making it more believable.
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