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Story writing can just be playing with stories that already exist.

Look at very simple stories like *The Three Little Pigs* or *Cinderella* and look at the characters, look at the setting and look at the plot. Now imagine you can change any of these things.

Example:

Story: Cinderella

Character: Cinderella, a young girl

Setting: A ballroom

Plot: Cinderella wants to go to a ball but her evil Stepmother says she can't. Her fairy godmother arrives and uses magic so that she can go. At the ball she falls in love with a prince but has to go home before midnight, leaving her shoe. The prince searches for the girl whose foot fits the shoe. He finds Cinderella, they get married and live happily ever after.

Now imagine instead:

Character: A Martian

Setting: The school gym

Plot: A Martian wants to go to a school disco but his parents say he can't.

What could happen next with this new setting and character? Will the Martian fall in love at the dance or maybe meet some new friends? What important thing could he leave behind?

It's time to try your own. Pick a fairy-tale or classic story and reinvent it!

The original story:

The original character:

The original setting:

The original plot:

NEW Character:

NEW Setting:

NEW Plot:

Now you have a story plan. The great thing about this is that it stops you being stuck with what happens next. You can go back to the original story and think about what happened there!