

SAM AND AMBER STORY STRUCTURE

Before the lesson, print out the number of copies you will need and then cut out the strips. It is a good idea to place each set of strips in a polypocket or envelope. Working in groups, the pupils place each section from the story under the right heading and in the right order. On the second page is an example of a story which has already been divided up under the different headings. This can be shown to the pupils before they do the activity.

Samantha was looking forward to taking her pony, Amber, for a ride across the fields.

After an early breakfast she went to the stable and put the saddle on Amber.

She galloped across the fields, but then a dog came out of nowhere and spooked Amber. Samantha crashed to the ground and hurt her ankle. She couldn't stand or walk.

Samantha managed to get her mobile out of her pocket and phoned 999. An emergency helicopter soon arrived and took her to hospital.

Samantha spent many boring weeks recovering at home. But then, one day, the doctor said she could ride again ...

Beginning

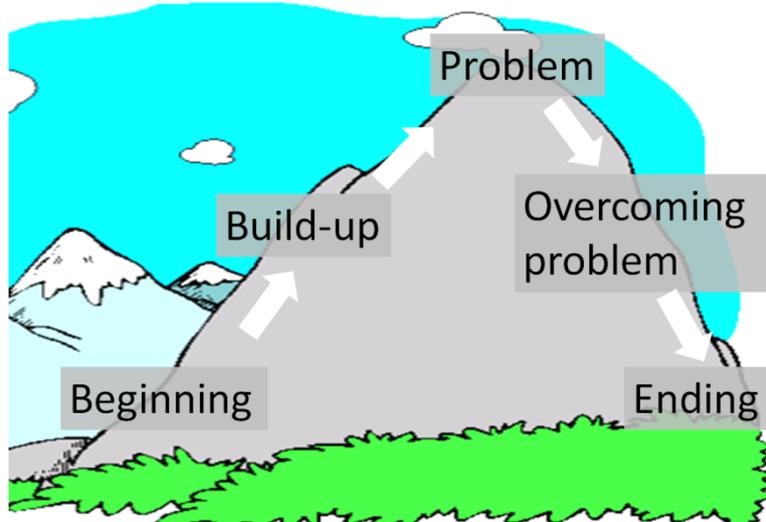
Build-up

Problem

Overcoming Problem

Ending

Writing a story is like climbing a mountain ...



Derek the Fireless Dragon

Beginning

As the sun rose above the forest, Derek, the big scary dragon, wandered out from his cave to stretch his legs.

Build-up

‘Today I’m going to scare everybody with some serious fire-breathing,’ he said.

Problem

He waddled over the hills until he came to the town of Llangelert. He stood on a hill above the town and roared and roared and breathed out with all his might. But there was no fire.

Everybody laughed. ‘He’s not scary,’ they said.

Derek had run out of petrol.

Overcoming problem

He went into the town and bought fifty gallons from the petrol station. He then went back to the hill and breathed out a massive flame.

Nobody was laughing now

Ending

Ever since then, Derek has always filled up with petrol before he sets off to scare anybody.