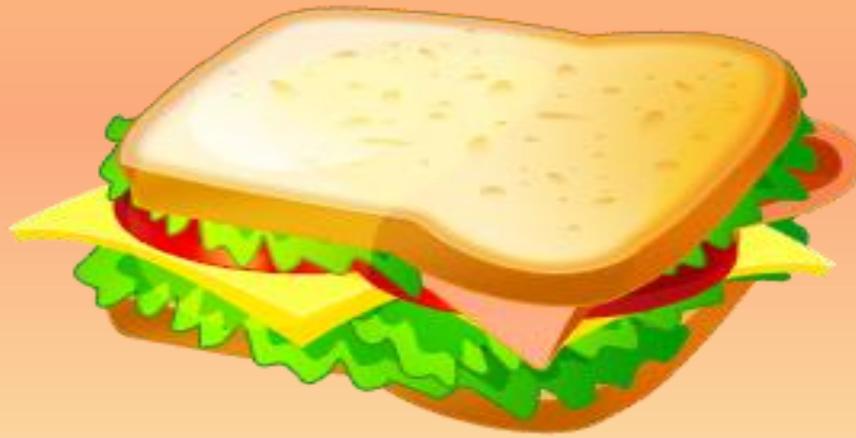


Creating A Story Sandwich



Writing a story is a bit like making a sandwich.

Why?

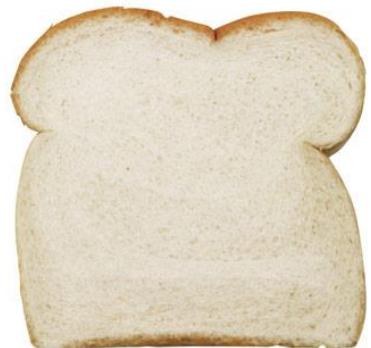
Well, if you want to create a really tasty sandwich, then you need lots of exciting ingredients.

Stories are just the same!

Lets start with the base! The first slice of bread. The beginning of your story. This slice can be found in your setting.

Where will that be?

What type of bread should you choose?



Something plain?

Or something a bit more fancy?



Give an example of a simple opening sentence about the slice of bread to the person next to you.

Once upon a time there was a plain slice of bread in the bread box.

In a land far away there was a slice of brown bread.

Give an example of a better opening sentence to the person next to you.

Once upon a time, in a deep dark forest, there could be found a square, boring, slice of bread.

A long time ago, in a land far away, past the tall mountains where the fire breathing dragons slept, there was a lonely slice of dark brown bread.

Why are the second set of sentences much better? Discuss.

What sort of extra words did they contain?

ADJECTIVES

What extra simple bit of punctuation did they contain?

COMMAS

What sort of words have been underlined?

TIME CONNECTIVES

Next we need to add the main filling –
the main character!

Shall we have a simple filling or something
much more exciting? Something that will
make your mouth water!

Discuss it with the person next to you.



Are you going to make them nice or nasty?



So now you have your start and your main character. Lets begin to fill the middle bit out a bit more.

Think about these questions.

Are you going to have some more filling in your sandwich? Some lettuce? Some tomato? What are the characteristics of lettuce and tomato and how are they going to help to move your story along?

Discuss.

Think about what you have now. You have your beginning and are starting to get your ingredients for the middle. In most stories there is usually a problem to solve. What could it be for your main character in this instance? Discuss

Perhaps they are jealous of tomato's bright colour!

Perhaps they need to find a way to get to the final slice of bread!

Perhaps they need to find a way to stop you eating them!

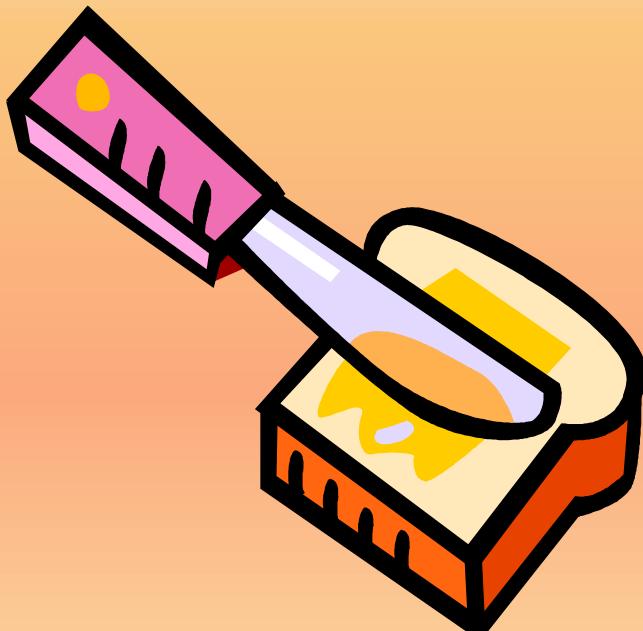
It is now that part in your story now where
you need to resolve the problem.
You need to sort it out!

How is this going to happen?
Discuss.



Finally, along comes the other slice of bread to top it all off.

This is your ending.



Does it have to be a happy ending?

Give an example of a simple closing sentence about the sandwich to the person next to you.

Finally, the chicken rescued the bread and the sandwich was eaten.

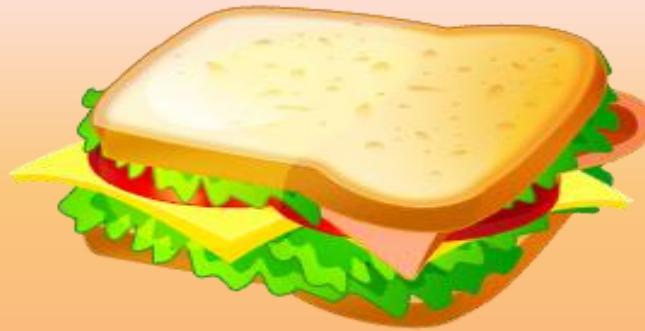
In the end the sandwich managed to escape and lived happily ever after.

Give an example of a better closing sentence(s) about the sandwich to the person next to you.

Finally, the last slice of bread was free and it covered over the filling of the sandwich like a large blanket. Warm and happy, the chicken thanked the tomato and the lettuce for their help and they all lived snugly ever after in the safe shadow of the large enchanted storage jar.

Things to think about!

Give your story a good base – a super starting sentence.
Introduce your setting and main character.



Top it off with a fantastic finish!

Think about your filling - the extra characters - and the problem they have to solve.

Also remember:

ADJECTIVES – COMMAS – TIME CONNECTIVES