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From a Spark to a Flame

Mastering a language gives us the ability to communicate our thoughts, ideas and emotions in innovative ways, and to experience and enjoy things that have been created by others. The English language offers both a huge treasure trove of creative content, and an enormous potential to express ourselves.

Humans are a species of storytellers. Long before we could draw on cave walls and carve words into stones, we told each other stories to entertain, communicate information and preserve our history. Some of the stories we told were factual, while others were made up – what we now call *fiction*. These kinds of stories leverage all our human creativity into great tales, full of excitement and emotion – but how do we get started with creative writing?

Getting Started

1. Where are your favourite stories set – do you like them to take place in the real world, or in the future, or on another planet?
2. What is the best story that you were ever told by a friend or a relative? What made it so good and so memorable?
3. Have you ever had an idea for a fictional story that you would like to write?

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