

1. The Beginning

Introduce the main characters and describe the setting. What will your opening sentence be?

2. The Build-Up

What things happen?
What clues are there?
What is said? How do you build up the excitement?

3. The Problem or Dilemma

Things might go wrong!
Is there a mystery, or do terrible things happen? Are there any disagreements?

4. The Resolution

How are things going to be sorted out? Problems have to be solved, and people made happy again.

5. The Ending

Does the story end happily ever after? What have people learned? Have characters changed?

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