



Want to help your child write better?

SEVEN STEPS WRITING TIPS

Don't just check the spelling! Authors use seven main techniques to make their writing interesting. So do join us for the Seven Steps 'quick tips' and fun writing ideas, for you to try at home.

**How easy are the Seven Steps techniques?
Try our quiz on 'The Bear Story'.**

Step 2:

Which story start is more interesting?

- a) I woke up that morning, got dressed and ate breakfast.
- b) The lock on the bear's cage looked old, and the bear looked cross.

Step 4:

Which is the better dialogue?

- a) The teacher told us to stand back from the cage as the bear was growling loudly, but Jeremy didn't listen.
- b) 'Stand back,' said the teacher, but Jeremy didn't listen. Suddenly the bear growled loudly. 'Jeremy!' cried the teacher, 'get away from the bear. NOW!'

Step 5:

Which sentence 'tells' and which 'shows'?

- a) I was really scared.
- b) My heart was thudding loudly in my chest and brain.

See, simple isn't it?

(Hint, answers are all (b)!)

What ARE the Seven Steps?

1. Plan for Success
2. Sizzling Starts
3. Tightening Tension
4. Dynamic Dialogue
5. Show, Don't Tell
6. Ban the Boring Bits
7. Exciting Endings

Wishing you all creativity, confidence and success in writing.

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