



### Linking words 1

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/turning-ideas-into-a-story/6488.html>

#### Watch the film about writing

##### SUMMARY

A series of ideas are presented for a story about an alien turning up at a school. The ideas are shown as not flowing together very well. An improved version is offered in the context of the story being a film of which the writer is the director. The need to keep the audience interested and engaged is also discussed.

1. What's the first thing to do when writing a story?
2. Who is the main character in the presenter's story?
3. Where is the presenter's story set?
4. What are the two other jobs the writer must do (as well as being the writer)?
5. Make a note of all the linking words.
6. What must you always keep in mind, whether you are the writer or the director?
7. No one will read your story or watch your film, if it is \_\_\_\_\_, or if it isn't \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Now watch another story

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/the-butterfly-lovers-english/6118.html>

#### Watch the film, and fill the gaps with linking words

Zhu wished to learn, \_\_\_\_\_ in ancient times only boys went to school, \_\_\_\_\_ one day Zhu changed her hair and her clothes.

Zhu fell in love with her best friend, but \_\_\_\_\_ he didn't know she was a girl. \_\_\_\_\_ Liang came to visit Zhu.

Only boys can go to school, so I dressed as a boy, \_\_\_\_\_ I met you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Liang had finished his studies, he returned to Zhu's house.

#### Next, retell the whole story in your own words.



### Check your answers

1. What's the first thing to do when writing a story?  
Come up with lots of ideas
2. Who is the main character in the presenter's story?  
An alien
3. Where is the presenter's story set?  
At school
4. What are the two other jobs the writer must do (as well as being the writer)?  
Produce and direct the story
5. Make a note of all the linking words.  
When, after, because, but, soon after, so, although, until
6. What must you always keep in mind, whether you are the writer or the director?  
Your audience
7. No one will read your story or watch your film, if it is boring, or if it isn't clear what you mean.

Zhu wished to learn, but in ancient times only boys went to school, so one day Zhu changed her hair and her clothes.

Zhu fell in love with her best friend, but of course he didn't know she was a girl. One day Liang came to visit Zhu.

Only boys can go to school, so I dressed as a boy, then I met you.

When Liang had finished his studies, he returned to Zhu's house.