



Creative writing

What kinds of creative writing do you personally...

	Read	Write

What's most important to you?

- Grammar Characterisation Plot Setting
- Vocabulary Sentence structure Spelling/punctuation

Think about grammar. What verb tenses can you use in creative writing, and why?

Type of writing:	Tense:	Reason/ Effect:

What 'person' can you write in? What are the different effects?

Person:	Reason/effect:	Type of writing:



Advice on Creative Writing

http://www.ehow.com/video_4983514_write-creative-writing-story.html

[Listen to Laura from YoungWritersWorkshop.com talk about creative writing.](#)

Complete the notes on her advice

The four elements:

Action:

e.g.

Conflict:

e.g.

Description:

Resolve the conflict, then:

To sum up:



Check your answers

Type of writing:	Tense:	Reason/ Effect:
Traditional novel	Past	Telling a traditional story
novel	Present	Feeling of immediacy
novel	mixture	A mixture of the above

Person:	Reason/effect:	Type of writing:
First person	Immediacy, understand exactly what the narrator is thinking	Novel, poem
Third person	Show viewpoints of different characters	Novel
Second person	Unusual, speaking directly to the reader	Contemporary fiction, poem

The four elements:

Setting, character, action and a conflict

Action:

e.g. in the middle of the action, 'the bell rang and everyone jumped up', wherever you feel comfortable

Conflict:

e.g. a challenge the characters are facing – with each other or with something else, like nature, maybe a storm

Description:

Describe your setting, and your characters to create a more personal picture

Resolve the conflict, then: end the story

To sum up:

Include setting, characters, a plot, a conflict, start and end wherever you want, use detail in your descriptions



Video Transcript

Hi I'm Laura from young writers workshops dot com. And I'm going to talk about how to write a creative writing story. Hopefully all your writing is creative. I want to talk about writing a story in a way that will make it easy for you to approach it. The four elements you need to have in your story are setting, character, some sort of action and a conflict. If you have those four things, you set those four things up you can pretty much write just about anything. So start the action of the story wherever you feel comfortable. Sometimes people say start right in the middle of the action. For example the bell rang and everyone jumped up. That would be starting at the beginning. You can really start wherever you feel comfortable. The next thing to remember is to bring the conflict in. In every story you have to have some characters who are facing some sort of challenge whether it's you know they are in conflict with each other or there's a conflict versus nature where they are in a storm. Whatever the conflict is, you need that to make it come alive, to make it have a point. It's not really a story if there isn't a conflict. Bring some description in, describe your setting, describe your characters. And use those, those descriptions to create a more personal picture of what's happening in this story. Resolve the conflict and when you feel like your conflict has been resolved you can end the story. You don't have to have a long conclusion, you really get to choose when you are writing a story it's up to you how to structure it and where it begins and where it ends. So just to sum up a few things to keep in mind when writing, a creative writing story are to include setting, characters, a plot and a conflict. To begin the action wherever you want and to end it whenever you want. Use description and use detail. And those are some things to remember when writing a creative writing story.