



## Story Openings



Remember that stories can begin in 4 different ways. It can start with: description of a character, description of the setting, action or dialogue. Below are some different openings to a story. Read them through and decide which type of opening it is.

1. "Shut up!" shouted Jim. He was fed up of Sarah telling him to have a bath. He would have one when he wanted!
2. Rebecca was a lazy girl-even her mother thought so. She was so lazy, she couldn't even be bothered to pick her own nose.
3. The door burst open, leaves swirled around the passage. Distant screams could be heard, as the misty night grew darker and colder.
4. Ingrid lived in a small, quiet town in Doncaster, surrounded by fields and meadows. At this time of year, it was especially beautiful, as all the flowers were out to bloom.
5. "Oh for goodness sake! Who stole my Groovy Chick pencil this time?"  
"Not me. Don't even try to blame me. I ain't took it!" protested Lucy.
6. Ugly. That's how you'd describe Billy Bobbins. Ugly. What with his large spotty nose, crooked teeth and lazy eye, he wasn't exactly a model. But nevertheless, Lucinda still fancied him rotten!
7. Graham had the letter in his hand. Time was running out, he had to get to the post office in double quick time, this was his last chance.
8. The sun went down over the tall towers that loomed over the smoke filled city. New York was a pretty impressive place. A place that once you'd been, you didn't want to leave.