



Grade 1 Writing Unit 4 - From Scenes to Series, Writing Fiction

In this unit, your child will learn how to craft fiction stories using real life experiences. Your child will independently write chapter books with realistic characters, problems, and solutions. He or she will end his or her stories with a *Meet the Author* page. This unit coincides with a reading unit, Bringing Stories to Life Through Fairy Tales and Folk Tales.

The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Understanding the structure of realistic fiction writing
- Using real life experiences to inspire fiction writing
- Increasing volume of writing
- Writing chapters in a book to develop a beginning, middle and end
- Elaborating using “show, not tell” details
- Elaborating using illustrations
- Bringing their characters to life through dialogue
- Writing words using known word parts and word walls and using effective punctuation
- Working with partners to reflect on the writing process
- Rereading pieces of writing for revision and editing

Questions and comments to ask your child about writing:

- Tell me more...
- How did you decide what to write about?
- How did you create your character?
- What is going to happen to your character next?
- How are you growing as a writer?

Encourage your child to write every day. Your child may enjoy writing new adventures for the series books he or she loves like Poppleton, Henry and Mudge, Fly Guy, Piggie and Gerald, etc.