



Class: IX

Topic: Story Writing

Subject: English

A story is basically a narrating of real or imaginary events, involving real or imaginary people. A story needs to be represented in words. Even images or movies can narrate a story. A story is generally designed to entertain, or send a message across.

The length of a written story will depend on the format, whether it is a novel, novella, short story etc.

Format of a Story:

This is the basic structure one can follow to construct a story, in an understandable manner and to keep the flow of the story.

- **Beginning:** The beginning or the introduction of a story is of essential importance. This is the part where you can capture the readers attention.
- **Character Introduction:** Good stories will depend on how well the characters are presented to the readers. To develop impressive characters, dialogues should be used. Do not include unnecessary secondary characters, every character of the story must have a purpose.
- **Plot:** Plot is where the actual narration of the story will happen. The events that occur or the description of the situation should be written in the plot. A plot must always have a **twist / conflict**, which is the focus of any story.
- **Climax/Conclusion:** The story should have a logical conclusion. Always end the story in an interesting manner.

Hints for writing a good story:

1. Give a suitable **title** to the story. You may name it after the main character, object incident or proverb/quotation.
2. Before beginning to write, create a clear idea about the plot. You must know how the story is going to unfold and ultimately end. If you can start well and end well, your story will certainly be a good one.
3. Adhere to the outline given, i.e., neither omit any point nor distort the order of the points given in the outline.
4. You may **insert dialogues and monologues** wherever possible. These dialogues should be short, lively and interesting.
5. Given names to characters. Even animals can have names. These names should be short and interesting.
6. Let your story not be unduly long. **Adhere to the word limit.**

7. The importance of the conclusion cannot be overlooked. It leaves a lasting impact on the reader.
8. Write the story in the past tense.
9. Do not use informal language. We **do not write** the way we speak.
10. Make sure that the story should have a **moral, words of wisdom or message.**

Types of story writing questions:

1. The beginning or middle of the story is given. The student is required to complete it on his own using his imagination and provide a suitable heading to it.
2. Hints of the story are given and the student is required to elaborate the hints and shape them up into a complete story, providing connectivity.
3. Outline of the story is provided and the student develops a story using the outline.

Sample Story:

Read the given line and complete the story in 150-200 words. Give a suitable title to your story.

Last Sunday, I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside.....

A Spaceship on Earth!

Last Sunday, I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside. It was about 10:30 p.m. As I opened my door, bright lights from outside dazzled my eyes. I went outside towards the place where a large crowd had gathered outside our colony park. There was a huge spaceship that had landed in the park. It had a thousand lights blinking and from the windows, one could see few strange figures peeping out. I was surprised to see the aliens. Meanwhile, the police had also reached the park. People were shouting and asking the police to take the aliens out of the ship. They were very excited to see them. By this time, few scientists and researchers had also reached the spot. They had brought some instruments along with them.

As they started moving towards the spaceship, the sirens that were installed in it started blowing. We could notice the strange figures hurriedly moving inside the spaceship. Then, as if understanding the intentions of the scientists that they probably wanted to capture them, they started blowing green-coloured dust from their spaceship. Its wheels started moving like a blower and the spaceship started moving upwards. The scientists rushed out of the park. People tried to click pictures of the spaceship but their cameras showed only a black screen. The spaceship safely moved out of the hands of the humans who would have otherwise captured the aliens and started a study on them.

I thanked God for saving their lives from the clutches of the inhuman humans.

Writing Tasks:

- 1. Write a story based on the provided title.**

‘A Hasty Conclusion’

- 2. Complete the story in 150-200 words giving a suitable heading and moral.**

‘It was a rainy day, and I was all alone at home. It was pitch dark outside. Suddenly I heard someone knocking at my door.....’

- 3. Develop stories from given outlines in not more than 150-200. Remember to give the moral of the story in the end.**

An old lady becomes blind calls in a doctor agrees to pay large fees if cured doctor comes daily..... Starts stealing one piece of furniture daily delays the cure at last cures her demands his fees..... lady refuses to pay, saying cure is not complete..... doctor objects lady says sight not restored as she cannot see all her furniture moral.