

## Writing Activity 1: Fictional Narrative (A Made-Up Story)

### Step 1

Follow along as the fictional narrative "Lucky" is read aloud.

### Lucky

Lucky was not just any dog; Lucky was Jeremy's best friend. "Before you know it, that dog will be sitting down to dinner with the entire family," said Jeremy's mother as she tried to hide her smile. "How many times do I have to tell you? Lucky is just a dog." Since the stray golden retriever found his way to Jeremy's front porch four years ago, Lucky and the boy were inseparable.

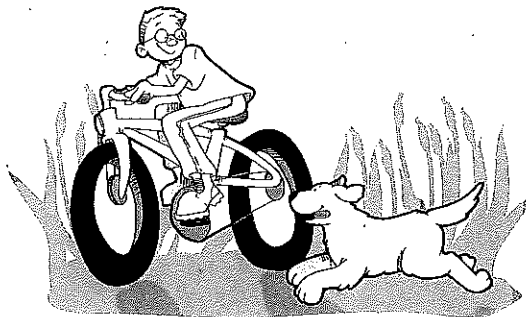
Early one Monday morning, Jeremy sleepily sifted out the few bits of cereal left floating in his bowl full of milk. Lucky gently placed one paw in his owner's lap. "All right, boy, you can finish the rest." The golden retriever lapped up the sweet milk and looked at Jeremy with his large, brown eyes that always seemed to say, 'Thank you, friend.'

Before rushing off to school, Jeremy hugged Lucky good-bye on his way out the door. He locked the gate behind him as he ran toward the rumbling, yellow school bus that stood waiting for him.

Upon returning home that afternoon, Jeremy realized something was terribly wrong. The gate was open, and Lucky was gone! Jeremy dropped his books and began to run down the street shouting for Lucky. He called Lucky's name until his throat was sore. He stopped at every house in the neighborhood, but no one had seen Lucky. Jeremy somberly returned home.

At dinner, Jeremy pushed the mashed potatoes around on his blue plate; he could hardly look out the window at the empty yard. "Go on, see if you can find Lucky before dark," Jeremy's mother said reluctantly as she took his plate from the table.

Remembering the times he and Lucky played ball and swam in the lake, Jeremy quickly peddled toward the water. Lucky had always enjoyed playing there. When Jeremy reached the lake, he called out Lucky's name, desperate to find his friend. From behind a cluster of cattails came the sound of a deep bark. When the dog appeared, he was covered with mud that he eagerly shared with a smiling Jeremy. "Let's go home, boy." Lucky ran alongside Jeremy's bike as they traveled home. Jeremy realized how "lucky" he was to find his Lucky.



**Step** There are several things to keep in mind as you plan and write your own fictional narrative (A Made-Up Story). Remember, a good fictional narrative (A Made-Up Story) has the following parts:

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- a title that fits the story
- a character or characters you can picture in your mind
- a problem that a character needs to solve
- a beginning, middle, and end (think about what happens first, next, then, and finally)

**Step** Use the following prompt to complete the prewriting and writing activities:

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**Write a fictional narrative. Your narrative begins when your main character is walking in the woods and hears a noise coming from the treetops. Tell what happens in the story.**

**Step** Complete the graphic organizer for a fictional narrative as your prewriting activity. Use your graphic organizer to help you think through your fictional narrative.

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# FICTIONAL NARRATIVE

A Made-Up Story

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who:**

**Where:**

**When:**

**What Is The Problem?**

**What Happened?**

**First:**

**What Happened?**

**Next:**

**What Happened?**

**Then:**

**Finally:**