

Write Your Own Fairy Tale

An activity of "A fairy-tale museum opens in Denmark"

Read "A fairy-tale museum opens in Denmark" (page 17, *What's Up* October 2021) and you might be inspired to create a fairy tale. Use the table below and respond to the prompts to help you get started.

1. Use these prompts to write your very own story. Give your story a beginning, middle, and end. Be creative. There is usually a theme of good versus evil in a fairy tale.

Who is your story about?

- There once was a [protagonist] ...
- Once there was a [villain]...
- In a town where dragons lived...

What is the problem?

- Are there dragons, beasts, or evil rulers?
- What problem does your hero need to solve?
- How does your hero do it?

When did your story take place?

- Once upon a time...
- Long, long ago...
- Many moons ago...

What kind of creatures are involved?

- What role do animals play in your story?
- Does your hero have animal companions?

Where did it take place?

- In a distant land...
- In a faraway place....
- In a kingdom far away...

What is your "happily ever after" ending?

- How does your story end?

2. Chart your fairy tale. Jot down the key parts using phrases.

Settings	Creatures
Good Characters	Evil Characters
Conflict	Conclusion

3. On a fresh sheet of paper, write up your story using full sentences. You may wish to illustrate your story with artwork.
4. Read aloud your story to a friend or a younger child. Enjoy the experience of sharing something you have created using your imagination!