



**small rainbows**  
exploring tiny stories  
for ages 10 +

# Worksheet 1

## Hi! Welcome to Small Small Rainbows.

My name's Siân and I like writing really, really short stories. Sometimes they're a few sentences, sometimes they're about as long as a page of a book, but they're usually very small. Stories like this are tiny snapshots - like having a sneaky look at someone's life, just for a few seconds. I usually start my stories by thinking about a person, and then writing about a moment in their life which was important to them.

Here are some ideas about ways you can come up with your own very short stories. Enjoy :-)

### A few top tips

- Start a few stories with the same words (like 'On the best day of my life I went to...') and then think what different people might say. What would a ghost say? The most sensible person you know? An astronaut?
- See if you can flip what people are expecting - maybe the best day of the astronaut's life was when she burped the alphabet.
- Tiny stories are like opening the curtains on a scene, describing what you see, and closing them again.

### Change the emotion

Start telling a story, and then think about what happens if you change the emotion of it (how somebody feels). You might have someone marching off to the beach - what happens if they were feeling really nervous? Or angry? Or super, really happy? What made them feel that way? (Probably jellyfish).

*Heroes can be worried, old ladies can be furious, your story can be anything.*

### Get some inspiration!

I'm sending out stories every day of June. If you'd like to get some ideas, ask if someone in your house could sign up to [tinyletter.com/SmallSmallRainbows](https://tinyletter.com/SmallSmallRainbows) for free tiny tales.

### Top Tip! It's not about the spelling...

Creating very short stories doesn't mean you have to worry about spelling. You don't even have to write your stories down. You could draw them, act them, dance them, scribble them, record them, sing them...try and think of ways you can remember your story, and tell it to other people.

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