A good story should **grab your reader’s attention** from the very first line. This doesn’t mean you have to start with a huge explosion—although you can if you want to!

There are lots of different ways to start your story . . .

- **DESCRIPTION**
  - Introduce characters and the setting of your story
- **ACTION**
  - Throw your readers into the middle of an exciting event
- **DIALOGUE**
  - Let the reader hear the characters’ voices
- **AN INTRIGUING QUESTION OR STATEMENT**
  - ‘Beware of the mouse—that’s what the sign on the gate said.’

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**Have a go** at writing an opening paragraph to your story . . .

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