

Sentence-a-Day Writing Challenge

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Sentence-A-Day Writing Challenge with Kayla Cagan

MATERIALS

- Sentence-A-Day Writing Challenge Video
- Transition Words

THE CHALLENGE

Writing a story can be tough for everyone—even real authors! See how one author, Kayla Cagan, gets started and try her Sentence-A-Day challenge to write your next short story.

DIRECTIONS

1. Follow the directions below to start your story and the writing challenge. Your story can be about something that really happened to you, or it can be fictional. However you decide to start your story, see where your writing takes you! For this activity, try to write a story that includes at least 2 or 3 big events.

Day 1: Write one sentence. That's it.

Day 2: Write two more sentences.

Day 3: Write three more sentences.

Day 4: Write four more sentences.

Day 5: Write five sentences.

Etc.

1. Each day you add to your story, begin your next section with a **transition word** — a word that connects one idea to another and gives the reader a clear sense of time. Use the transition word bank on the next page for ideas!
1. When you finish, reread your story to make sure the sequence of events is clear. Can you add another transition word or phrase to connect events?

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Transition Word Bank

BEGINNING

- First
- In the beginning
- It started when
- One morning
- One day
- Once

MIDDLE

- Then
- Next
- The next day
- Meanwhile
- Suddenly
- Another
- Later
- Because
- Since

END

- Finally
- In the end
- At last
- Eventually
- At the end
- Afterwards