



# STORYATHON

*Let's Write Microstories!*

2022

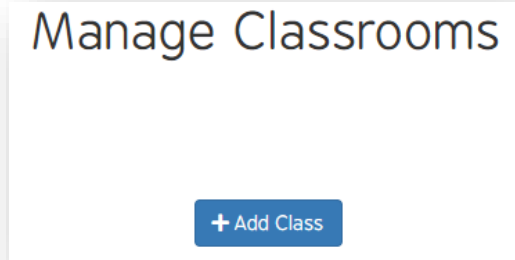
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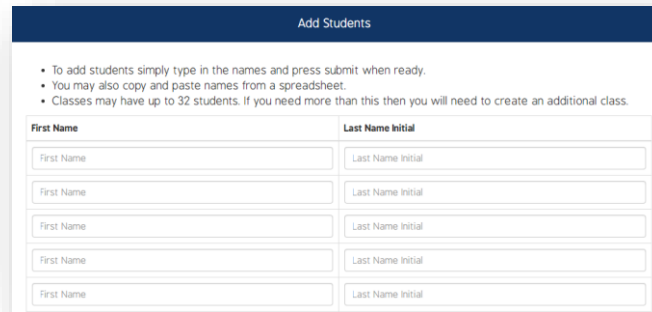
# Get started in less than 10 minutes

Sign in to your teacher account and then...

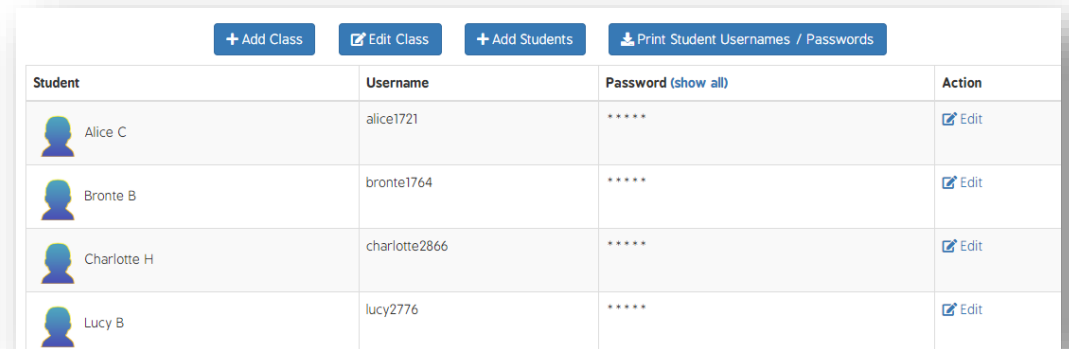
## 1. Add Class







## 2. Add Students

A screenshot of the 'Add Students' form. The form has a dark blue header with the title 'Add Students' and a close button. Below the header, there are instructions: 'To add students simply type in the names and press submit when ready.', 'You may also copy and paste names from a spreadsheet.', and 'Classes may have up to 32 students. If you need more than this then you will need to create an additional class.' The form contains two columns of input fields: 'First Name' and 'Last Name Initial'. Each column has five input fields, each with a placeholder text 'First Name' or 'Last Name Initial'.

## 3. Print Student Usernames / Passwords

A screenshot of the 'Print Student Usernames / Passwords' interface. It features a white background with a dark blue header containing four buttons: '+ Add Class', 'Edit Class', '+ Add Students', and 'Print Student Usernames / Passwords'. Below the header is a table with four columns: 'Student', 'Username', 'Password (show all)', and 'Action'. The table contains four rows of student data.

Student	Username	Password (show all)	Action
 Alice C	alice1721	*****	<a href="#">Edit</a>
 Bronte B	bronte1764	*****	<a href="#">Edit</a>
 Charlotte H	charlotte2866	*****	<a href="#">Edit</a>
 Lucy B	lucy2776	*****	<a href="#">Edit</a>

Your students are now ready to sign in and start creating.

*Please note – we are no longer able to support sign in via Google Classroom accounts. All teacher and student accounts need to be created on the Storyathon platform.*

# How Does Storyathon Work?

## 1. Student Writing

*Through to June 15th*

This is where students create their stories on the given theme. Students are encouraged to write up to three stories on the Storyathon platform.

## 2. Teacher Selection of Finalists

*June 16th to 19th*

This is where the teacher selects three stories from their class (needs to be three separate students) to progress through to the finalist stage.

## 3. Student Voting

*June 20th to 23rd*

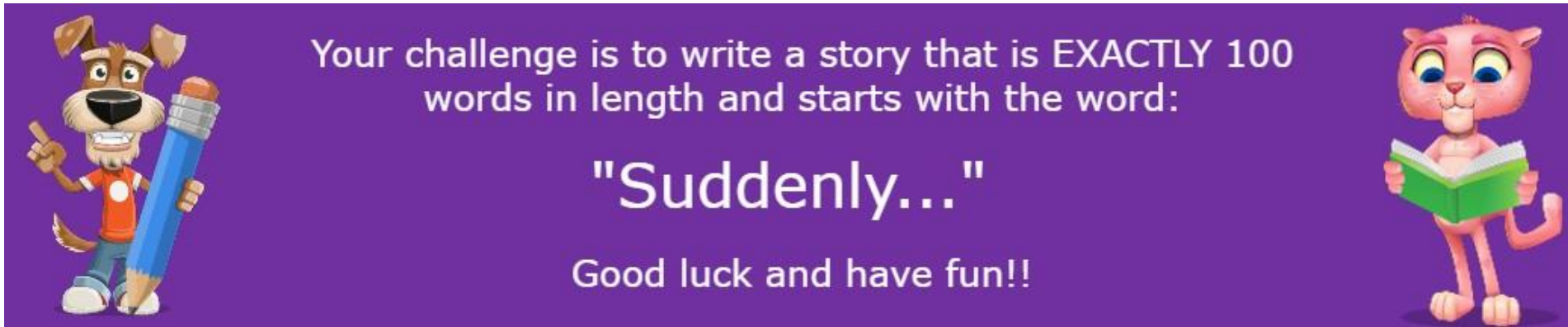
Students come back online and are asked to select their two favourite stories from a set of six finalist stories. Students are not aware of who the author is, or what school they come from.

Many teachers comment on how incredibly valuable student voting is as a learning experience.

**Winners Announced**

*June 24th*

# 2022 Storyathon Theme



## Tips to discuss with students

### 1. The Opening Hook

Challenge the students to come up with an epic opening line that commands the reader's attention.

### 2. Colourful Details

Encourage students to bring the scene to life with colourful details and some magnificent adjectives.

### 3. Twist at the End

Readers love to be surprised and stories will be greatly enhanced if there is an unexpected twist. Encourage students to devise a twist prior to writing the story.

# Student Portal

Showcase of previous stories

Writing challenge

Write story here

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WRITING LEGENDS

Logout

Home

Showcase

Key Information



Sam H

TWS


Suddenly...

Time Remaining: 85 days

Entry 1

Entry 2


Entry 3



Your challenge is to write a story that is EXACTLY 100 words in length and starts with the word:

"Suddenly..."

Good luck and have fun!!



Story Title:

Story:

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Suddenly

Link to Writing Legends

Students may submit 3 stories

# Teacher Portal

Link to stories  
from your class

Showcase of  
previous stories

The screenshot displays the Teacher Portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Stories, Showcase, Key Information, Class Admin, Profile, and Teacher Guide. Below the navigation bar, the page is titled "The Challenge" and "Class: 5 RED". A purple banner contains the challenge text: "Suddenly.... Time remaining: 85 days. Your challenge is to write a story that is EXACTLY 100 words in length and starts with the word: 'Suddenly...'. Good luck and have fun!!". Below the banner is a "Class Response Cloud" section with filters for Length, Nouns, and Verbs. It shows "Responses: 2" and "Total Words: 101". A word cloud displays words from student responses, including "pretended", "suddenly", "waiting", "quickly", "respond", "pathetically", "struck", "yelped", "stealthily", "averted", "security", "scratch", "almighty", and "problem". Below the word cloud is a section titled "Individual Stories" with a "Stealth Attack" story. The story text is: "Suddenly it was time to act. I knew that if I didn't respond quickly I would be done for. Molly had always wanted to be rid of me and now was her best ever chance. I could feel her evil glare, waiting for the right time to strike. Where were mum and dad when I needed them most? Stealthily Molly made her move and I lulled her into a false sense of security as I pretended to snooze. Molly inched closer and that's when I struck with an almighty scratch down her snout. She yelped pathetically. Problem averted. Cats rule!". The word count "100 words" is shown at the bottom right.














Manage your class

Writing challenge

Word cloud from  
your students'  
writing

# Printing Stories

“Stories” tab in the Teacher dashboard

Student Name ↑	Entry 1	Entry 2	Entry 3
Alex R	 50 words		
Alexander K	 100 words		
Archie H	 100 words		
Cameron D	 100 words		
Charles W	 100 words		
Charlie W	 77 words	 71 words	
Effie B	 100 words		
Ellen F	 100 words		
Ethan M	 71 words		
Ewan H	 56 words		
Felix M	 78 words		
Georgia S	 100 words		




**Stealth Attack**


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 Sam T

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## Celebrate Writing!

Stories may be printed from both the Teacher and Student dashboards.



Over 100,000  
stories created

# COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

Over 3,000 classes  
participating

*"It's fun and hard at the same time because you know you have a limit of 100 words."*

Student, John Calvin School, WA

*"It was so good taking part, my students loved it!"*

Rosie Banfield,  
Carmel College, AUK

*"Oh dear, we have created word monsters! Just so exciting to hear kids discussing stories and asking opinions of others about word choice. They are so excited,"*

Andrea Armanasco  
Calvary Christian College,  
QLD



**Chelsea** I just had my 6th graders do this last week. At first, when I told them the criteria, Mainly the 100 words, exactly. A few of them shrugged and complained. After starting, every single one of them we're engaged! The few that complained at the beginning. Saying this is "stupid" are the ones now that ask me every single day (4 days since we did this) if we can please do another Storyathon. They absolutely love it! If it was up to them we would do it every day! I did give in to them and allow them to do another entry. How can you refuse a proposal from students who are begging you to write!! This is great! My students love it. I love, even more so, watching the excitement and enthusiasm as they write!



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**90%** of students are agreeing with the statement  
"I have enjoyed creating my microstory".