

10 THE BEGINNING



Start your story with a strong first sentence! Make the reader want to read your book!

Use the first sentence and paragraph to “invite” the reader into your book. If they like what they read here, they will keep reading!

You can start a book right in the middle of the “action.” [He opened the door of the haunted house and walked right in.]

CHAPTER 1 _____



You can start a book by setting the mysterious mood or tone of the book. [It was a dark and stormy night. The thunder boomed and lightning zigzagged every which a way.]

Use the first chapter to set the “setting” of your real place. Make it come alive in your reader’s mind by describing it vividly. [The old mansion had 250 rooms. Each one had a mouse.]

