



Knowing the genre of your story can give you ideas for your setting as well as the challenges that your character might have to overcome. Each genre has lots of words that can help bring your story to life - but you don't have to stick to them!

Try using the word palettes below to help you start your 500 Words story.

Fantasy

prophecy **goblin**
curse *antidote* realm
labyrinth elixir *banshee*
lore **chimera** wizard **kingdom**
druid *dungeon* **dragon** fortress
spell **magic** oracle
sorcery fairy *witch*

Historical

carriage seamstress
masonry *coronation* lofty
jester **palace** goblet *tunic*
lady-in-waiting majestic **blacksmith**
gilt *tapestry* **parapet** amethyst
crimson **banquet** chandelier
resplendent *lavish* **emblazoned**

Horror

other-worldly **horrible**
undead *spectral* macabre
nightmare ghoulish *scared*
supernatural scream *terrifying*
accursed haunt *dread* **unearthly**
terror evil *creak*
mausoleum afraid wail
shiver

Romance

fascinate **gallant**
gentle *dancing* pretty
glimmer radiate *sigh*
kind **secret** heart **cherish**
sincere **poised** *headstrong* hug
love **laugh** **sweet** keep
sunset *glimpse*

Science Fiction

autopilot **craters**
supersonic *colossal* infinite
cyborg teleport *terrestrial*
meteor **orbit** radar **quadrant**
capsule **laser** *stratosphere* **hoverboard**
cryogenic **thrusters** fortress
air-lock luminescent *galaxy*

Superhero

guardian **justice**
agility *legendary* invisibility
undefeatable forcefield *warrior*
selfless **identity** victory **intelligent**
loyalty destiny **sacrifice** *psychic*
righteous **triumph** protection
hero *smart* technology