

Activity 1: 500 Words Ideas Mash-Up

If you are having trouble coming up with an idea for your story, it can be useful to try some creative thinking techniques to find inspiration. Working in pairs, follow the steps below to create a story idea from the worlds of fact and fiction - we have called these 'My World' and 'Fantasy World'.

1. Using these two sources of inspiration, write down two ideas for My World and two ideas for Fantasy World in the boxes below.



Look for things from your day to day life and things you like doing: this might be sport or hobbies. It might be something or someone you really like or it might be something that annoys you!



Idea 1

Idea 2



Let your imaginations run wild and think of ideas from the world of fiction, the more fantastical the better! Perhaps head to space, underwater or a magical world.



Idea 1

Idea 2

2. Choose one idea from My World and one idea from Fantasy World then combine (or mash-up) both ideas to create a story idea that includes at least one character.

My story idea:

Your teacher can send in your ideas to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk or use the hashtag **#bbclivelessons** for a chance to be featured on the Live Lesson.