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Hi, I’m Dan from BBC Learning English and today I’m going to tell you the difference between those two confusing words **history** and **story**.

So, both words are used for a description of events. So that makes them the same, right? Wrong! They are not the same.

**History** is the description or study of past events based on fact, often to understand their consequences: Christopher Columbus arrived in America in 1492.

A **story** is the description of a series of real or imagined events, often to entertain people. After arriving in America in 1492, Columbus and his crew were attacked by a giant man-eating T-Rex dinosaur! That didn’t happen! It’s just a **story**.

So… **history** is the description of past events based on fact, and stories are descriptions of real or imagined events often to entertain.

Leave us a comment about a piece of **history** or an imagined **story** from your culture! We’ll try and guess which is which!