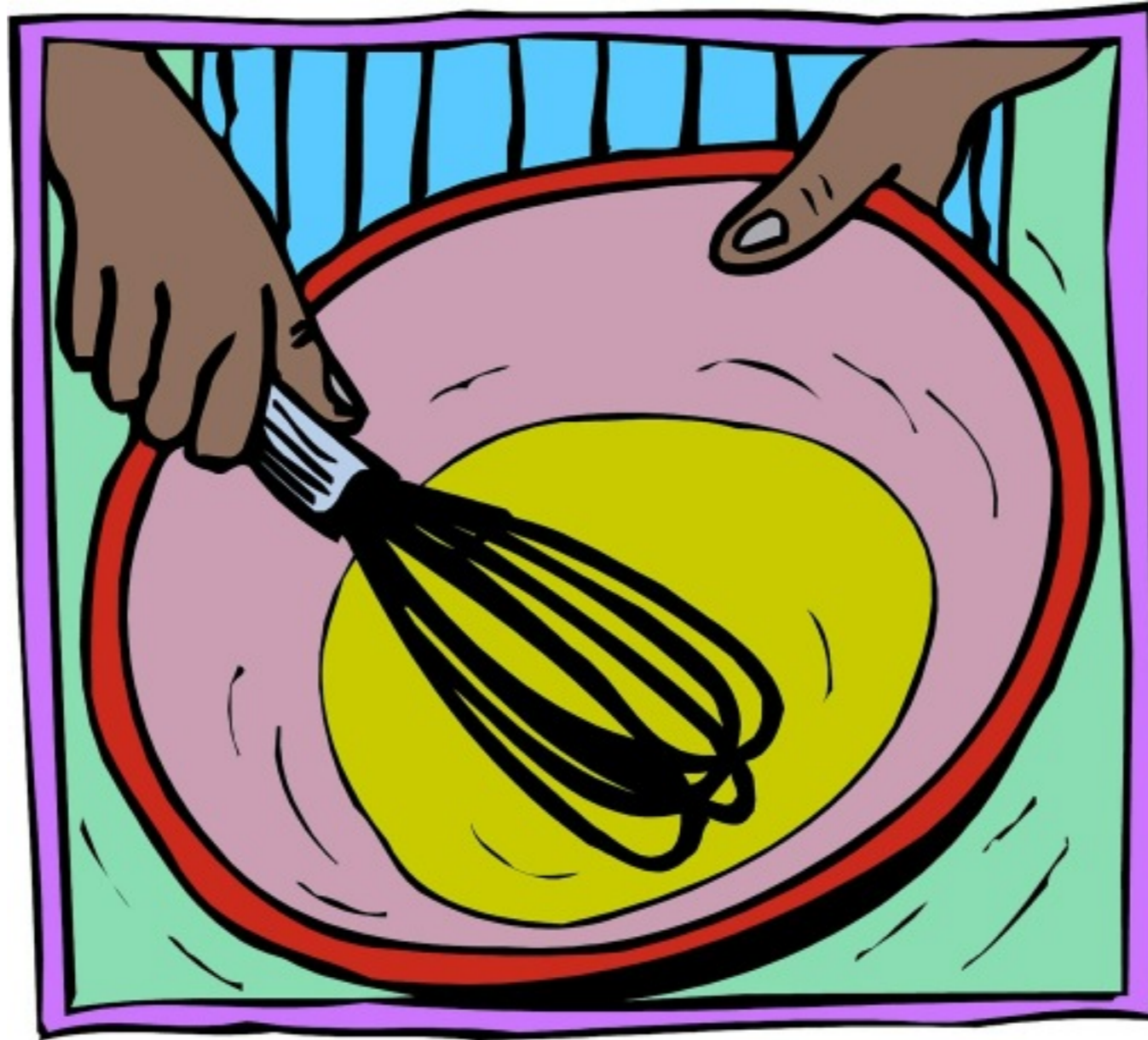


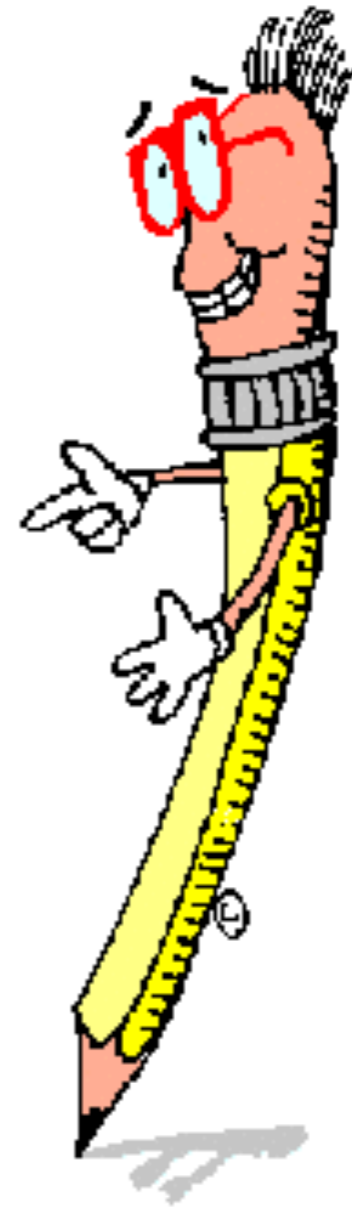
How to Stir Up a Story



You Can Be An Author

Gather Your Tools

- a pencil
- some paper
- or a computer
- and your imagination



When you make Chocolate Chip Cookies, you need:



- eggs
- sugar
- flour
- CHOCOLATE
CHIPS

Story Ingredients



What ingredients do you need to stir up a story?

WHO

Every story needs a

**MAIN
CHARACTER.**

In Jack & the Beanstalk

JACK
is the main character.



WHAT

PROBLEM

Every story needs a problem that grows.



Bigger

Biggest



WHERE

Every story needs a **SETTING**.

- Circus
- Soccer Field
- Fantasy World



Settings

- can be real life places (like the circus or a soccer field)
- can be invented worlds (like in a fantasy story)
- Real or make-believe, settings are important in helping your story spring to life on the page!

Story Ingredients

- Main Character
- Problem
- Setting



It's that simple.

Decide on **WHO** you're story will be about.

Then think of a **PROBLEM** for her/him/it to contend with.

Put your character in an interesting **SETTING**, and stir things up to see what will happen.

It's your **STORY**, so have fun! Anything might happen...

Stirring Things Up



Now it's your turn. Use one of the story templates below if you need help getting started.

1. On Saturday morning, [main character] trudged down the creaky basement steps to find a soccer ball, but when [main character] reached out to turn on the light.....

2. Today was [main character]'s birthday. [He/she/it] wanted a super, duper deluxe [???], but when [main character] opened the strange looking present wrapped in glowing foil and neon lights, a [???] jumped out of the box...

3. [main character] hated cafeteria food but today [he, she, it] was starving. [main character] took a big bite of the gray, goopy blob on [his, her, its] plate. That's when [main character] began to



Stirring Up a SUPER Story

- Creative Characters
- Interesting Problems
- Descriptive Settings



Now it's **YOUR** turn!

- Ready
- Set
- Write!!!

