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?
Every story needs a **main character**.

In Jack & the Beanstalk, **Jack** is the main character.
Every story needs a problem that grows.
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

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!!!