

Welcome to Fairyland

Great Beginnings

1. Re-read the very first part of this story — down to where it says “Don’t read it till you’re alone,” warned the little man. Do you like this beginning? Does it make you want to keep reading? Explain why.

2. You are going to write your own exciting beginning. So let’s do a **plan** to get some ideas. You are going to choose two things:

a) A character _____

b) A setting _____

3. Answer the following questions about your **character**:

How does your character look? _____

How does it speak? _____

What is it wearing? _____

Does it have any unusual features? _____

What is your character saying? _____

4. List some intriguing things about your **setting**:

Is it a **real** or **imaginary** place? _____

Is it a small, busy space or a wide open area? _____

Is it a shop or building of some sort? _____

Is there something special/unusual about it? _____

Now use your collected information to write a paragraph or two that would make a great beginning! (If you like it, keep writing to make a great story!)