# Story Hooks

Grade 3

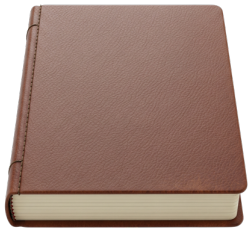
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**Remember:** A **hook** is the first sentence of a story. It grabs the reader so they want to keep reading. Try a **question**, a **sound**, an **action** or **dialogue**.

**Weak:** *Hi, my name is Sam and this is my story.* **Strong:** *CRASH! The cookie jar hit the floor.*

## 1. Which hook is stronger?

Circle the opening that makes you want to keep reading.



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(c) I have a hamster.

### 2. A story about a storm

(a) BOOM! The windows shook and the lights went out.
(b) One day there was a storm.
(c) This is a story about a storm.

### 3. A story about a race

(a) I was in a race.
(b) My name is Ali and I like races.
(c) I sprinted past the last runner, my lungs burning.

## 2. Name the hook

What kind of hook is each opening?

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Have you ever seen a dog wear sunglasses? | question | sound | action | dialogue |
| 2 | SPLASH! Dad fell into the pool. | question | sound | action | dialogue |
| 3 | "Don't open that door!" Grandma shouted. | question | sound | action | dialogue |
| 4 | I grabbed my backpack and raced for the bus. | question | sound | action | dialogue |

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## 3. Write your own hooks

Write a hook for each story idea. Use a different kind of hook each time.

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# Answer Key

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Answers will vary. These are examples.

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   **"Surprise!" fifty voices yelled as the lights flicked on.**
2. A story about a snow day
   **Was school really cancelled? I pressed my nose to the frosty window.**
3. A story about a scary noise at night
   **SCRATCH. SCRATCH. Something was at my bedroom window.**
4. A story about a soccer game
   **I dribbled past two players and took my shot.**