

Earlier in the week, we looked at describing a shop and including speech in a shop scene.

Today and tomorrow we are going to be writing part of a story including a shop of your choosing and an interaction between people in the shop.

Today we are going to look at the planning.

Your story will start with the sentences:

As she approached the window, her eyes widened. Everything she imagined was true. Here, before her, was the store of her dreams. She paused, then reached for the shiny, brass door handle.

In order to plan your writing, you will need to consider the following questions:

What sort of shop is it? It could be anything you like - a toy shop, a sweet shop, a wand shop, a joke shop! Let your imagination run wild!

What does it sell? Think about detail here - if it is a sweet shop it might sell the world's biggest gobstopper!

Why is it the shop of her dreams? Has your character read about it in a book, heard about it on television or have all their friends spoke about it?

What can she see in the window? Think about how to describe all that your character can see.

Who is in the shop? Is the shop empty when they enter? Who is behind the counter? Do they speak as they enter the shop?

What are they like? Perhaps they are friendly and eager to please their customer. Perhaps they are grumpy and hate children coming into their shop

Is the girl alone? Has she snuck off to the shop? Perhaps her mother has brought her, or her new friend

Does the girl buy anything? Does she have a plan what she wants to buy or is it a spur of the moment decision?

Why is she there? Perhaps she is lost or maybe she is on a mission to buy something particular

Does she buy what she wants?

When is your story set - present day? Future? Past

Use the planning sheet on the next page to help you structure your writing. If you would prefer your character to be a boy you may exchange the pronouns she and her for he and his.



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<p>Character - who is she/he? Ideas - Can they reach the door handle or do they have to stand on tip toe? Can they see over the counter? Are they confident/shy - this will affect how they talk to the shopkeeper. What do they like - this might influence what type of shop it is that they are visiting</p>	
<p>What type of shop is it? What does it sell? What can the character see? Are there any sounds - music, doorbell, creaking door? What smells are there - are there food smells? Musty smells?</p>	
<p>Why is she/he there? What do they want to buy? Who are they there with? Are they supposed to be there?</p>	
<p>Who else in in the shop? What is the shop keeper like? Are they friendly? What do they look like? How do they speak?</p>	
<p>What do the characters say to each other? Do they know each other already? How do they address each other? Mr... sir... young lady.. Think about different types of sentences - your characters might ask questions - how can I help you? Make statements - I need to buy a Make an exclamation - What an amazing shop you have! Give a command - Don't touch that!</p>	