

The eight steps for a perfect flash fiction story	Example of how each step could look in a story.	Tick the boxes below as you complete each step
<p><b>Step 1.</b> Introduce your character to your readers</p> <p>The best stories are all about your character: what your character wants, how your character gets or does not get it and how this changes your character.</p>	<p>Once upon a time there was a seagull named Piper. He had the most beautiful white feathers tipped with perfect shaped black triangles. His mother told him that he was a very handsome bird. Piper didn't care about how nice his feathers looked. He just felt very sad because he couldn't fly and this meant his missed out on all kinds of fun with his friends.</p>	
<p><b>Step 2.</b> Story setting / location</p>	<p>Piper lived in Portsmouth where there was a long beach to walk on and lots of water for him to float on.</p>	
<p><b>Step 3.</b> Something happens to get your story started</p>	<p>One day Piper was floating on the water watching his friends playing in the air above him. The sun was reflecting off the water and this made him so hot that he fell asleep.</p>	
<p><b>Step 4.</b> This is where your conflict / dilemma should happen</p>	<p>While Piper was asleep a storm blew up and washed him far out to sea He woke up and was very frightened. He swam and swam but could not see the shore. <i>Oh, if only I could fly</i> Piper thought, <i>then I would be sure to find my way home.</i></p>	
<p><b>Step 5.</b> How does your character try to solve the problem?</p>	<p>He flapped and flapped his wings but that only made him more tired. Suddenly a huge gust of wind caught him under the wings and flung him high into the sky. Piper gasped in fright as an airplane zoomed underneath him. <i>This is too high!</i> He thought and felt his heart racing as fast as the wind that had got him into this tricky place from the effort of keeping his wings flapping.</p>	
<p><b>Step 6.</b> Problem solved or new way to move forward</p>	<p>Piper was so scared he would fall all the way back down into the water that he kept on moving his tired wings, up, down and up again. He felt his tummy tickle as he swooped higher into the air. It was then that Piper realised that he was flying all on his own!</p>	
<p><b>Step 7.</b> Ending</p>	<p>Piper skimmed along the air stream until he got back to his home beach. That night his friends had a party to celebrate Piper finally learning how to fly. Piper felt so happy and very excited about all the fun he would be able to have with his friends now that he knew how to fly.</p>	
<p><b>Step 8. Don't forget to add your story title and your name</b></p>		