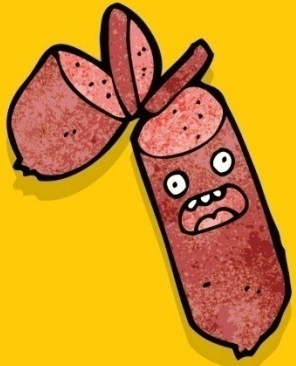
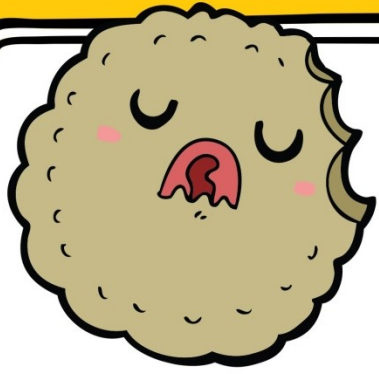


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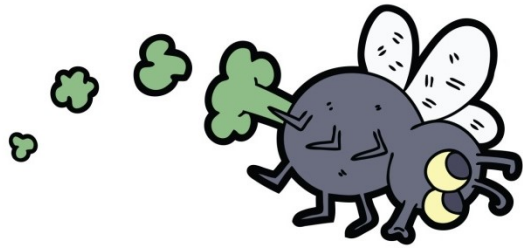
- Watch a video
- Learn what a mini saga is and how to write one
- Take part in a group discussion
- Generate ideas to write about
- Create a character, setting and plot
- Write a mini saga for Young Writers' Ridiculous Writers mini saga competition



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A mini saga is a story told in just **100** words. There are three golden rules of mini saga writing you need to stick to:

- **Be original!** You can be inspired by other stories, but add a twist, make it your own!
- Keep to the **100**-word limit – make every word count!
- Remember that mini sagas must have a **beginning**, a **middle** and an **end**, and still **make sense!**



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Watch the video that introduces you to the activity.

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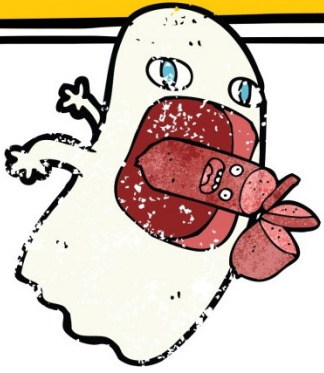


Your teacher is going to show you two words
- one noun and one verb/adjective.

As a class discuss ideas for the word pair.

For example, if the word pair was “**Terrifying Chef**”
the chef could be really dirty and smelly, or only
likes to cook insects or it could be a monster!





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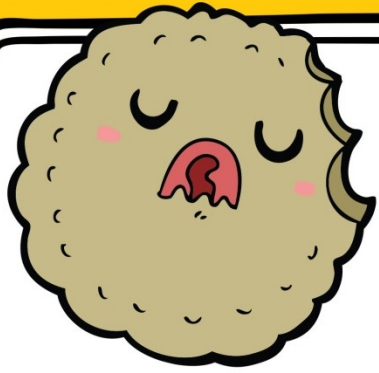
You're going to write a class mini saga inspired by your word pairing, so decide which of your ideas you like the most.

Now, as you only have 100 words to write your mini saga, it's time to plan to keep the story on track!

Where is the story set?

How could you start the mini saga?

Create an opening sentence(s) together.



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Next, discuss what the problem, dilemma or event could be to move the story along.

Remember you are writing a silly story, what could make the story strange or funny?

E.g. The terrifying chef could be a mouse or has cooked a terrible meal, is trying to cook another character or even enter a cooking show!

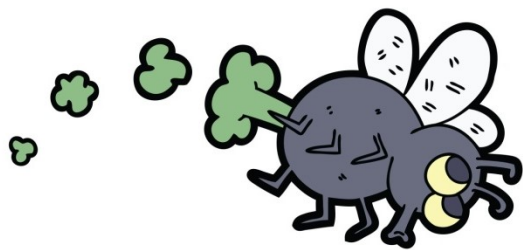


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Then it's time to decide how the story will end – how will you resolve any problems or dilemmas as a class?

Finally, it's time to put all the hard work together and create your class mini saga inspired by the word pairing your teacher has chosen.

Make sure you understand what a mini saga is... if not ask your teacher now!



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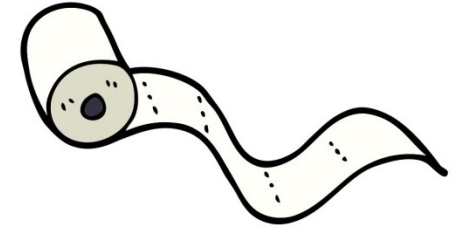
Your teacher will ask you to come up to the pots with a piece of paper or whiteboard, and pull out one of each card to make a story idea and then write it down.

Hand your cards back to your teacher.

This is the idea that will now inspire your ridiculous writing!



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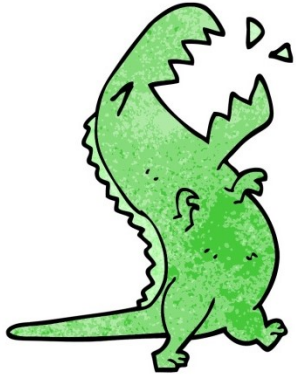


The Floating Toilet

I was just minding my own business, doing my business, when suddenly the toilet lifted up and flew out the window, with me on it! I clung on for dear life as we zoomed over houses. My trousers were in danger of falling off but I didn't dare reach down to grab them. We flew over the park and everyone screamed and pointed. I was so scared, let's just say it's a good job I was on the toilet!

Soon there was a helicopter following me. "Please land the toilet!"

"I can't!" I yelled back. Where was it taking me?

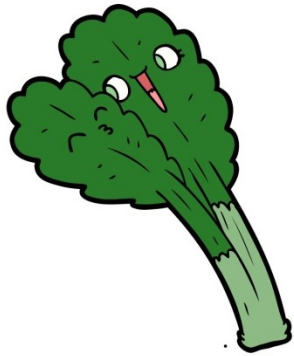


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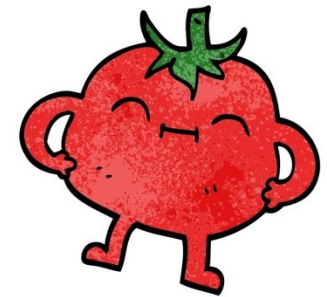
The Clumsy Dinosaur

Mylo's stomach grumbled. His dinosaur brothers looked at him, smirking. "Hungry, are you?" they taunted. "It's a shame you're not a real dinosaur, then you could catch some food." Mylo let out a small sob. It was true, he was terrible at catching prey. He was just too clumsy. He always crashed into something or fell over and his food would speed away. His stomach grumbled again. Mylo decided he wasn't cut out to be a wild dinosaur. He gloomily packed a bag and left his home in search of an owner, someone to care for him and feed him.





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Sporty Lentil and the Salad Bowl

This word pairing isn't one we've provided! You can be as original as you like!

Little Lentil was getting ready for the big football game of the year: the Salad Bowl. It was the Super Sprouts against the Runner Beans. Lentil put on her cute pink bow and her Super Sprouts kit and ran to meet her boyfriend to watch the game. They jumped into their seats and watched, Lentil grabbing some drinks and some popcorn. As they watched, they cried and cheered. Suddenly, it was down to the last few minutes. Lentil cheered as the Sprouts had the ball. The shooter kicked the ball... They scored! The Super Sprouts had won the Salad Bowl!

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Reminder of the golden rules of mini saga writing:

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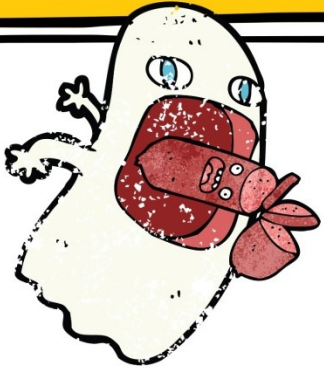


Now you are ready to get writing!

If you have any questions, now is
the time to ask your teacher!

It's time to write your Ridiculous Writers mini saga!





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It's peer assessment time!

Share your work with a partner. They are to give you a suggestion on how to improve your mini saga and let you know what they liked about it. You then do the same for your partner.

Edit your work if necessary!



We hope you enjoyed writing a mini saga for...

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