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10-Sentence Story Challenge



Write a story using the sentence prompts below — each one asks you to do something different. Let each sentence build tension, reveal character, or deepen mystery.

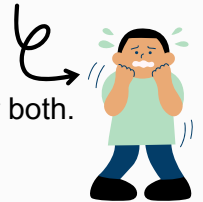
Sentence 1 — Begin with a **Sound**: Start your story with a sound (real or imagined).

Example: “A low hum buzzed beneath the floorboards.”



Sentence 2 — Reveal a **Character Trait Indirectly**: Describe something your character does that reveals who they are or how they feel.

Example: “He double-checked the lock — again.” (This shows the character might be anxious or paranoid without directly saying it)



Sentence 3 — Use a **Vivid Color** or **Texture**: Include a sensory detail with color, texture, or both.

Example: “The velvet curtain was blood-red and soft as ash.”

Sentence 4 — Introduce a **Small but Strange Detail**: Add a detail that’s odd or out of place — something small but significant.

Example: “A single black feather sat on the windowsill.”

Sentence 5 — Use **Personification**: Describe something non-human as if it had human traits.

Example: “The wind whispered secrets through the trees.”



Sentence 6 — Show a **Shift in Mood**: Let the mood change — from calm to tense, curious to afraid, etc.

Example: “What had felt like wonder now prickled with warning.”

Sentence 7 — Include a **Sudden Action**: Write a sentence where something happens quickly and unexpectedly.

Example: “The lights flickered — then went out.”



Sentence 8 — Add a **Line of Internal Thought**: Include what your character is thinking (but not saying out loud).

Example: “I shouldn’t be here.”



Sentence 9 — Use a **Dash** for Emphasis: Create suspense or a twist using a dash in your sentence.

Example: “She opened the drawer — and froze.”

Sentence 10 — End with a **Visual Image**: Leave the reader with a striking image, as if the story stopped on a snapshot.

Example: “The hallway was empty — except for the boots facing the door.”

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