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# 10-Sentence Story Challenge: Santa vs. the Grinch



Write a story in exactly 10 sentences following the instructions below.

## 1. Short & Sharp (5 words or fewer)

Introduce the conflict immediately.

Example: *The fight was on.*



## 2. Compound Sentence

Show Santa discovering something the Grinch has done.

(Use for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so.)

Example: *The Grinch had stolen Santa's Nice List, but Santa refused to let him ruin Christmas.*

## 3. Question

Ask a question that builds curiosity or tension.

Example: *"But how can I outsmart the Grinch?" Santa wondered.*



## 4. Complex Sentence

Use a subordinating conjunction (because, although, if, when, since, etc.).

Example: *Although the Grinch was sneaky, Santa believed he could catch him before nightfall.*

## 5. One- to Three-Word Sentence

Use a short, dramatic punch.

Example: *Not today.*



## 6. Descriptive Sentence with a Simile or Metaphor

Describe the icy world or the tension between Santa and the Grinch.

Example: *The wind howled around him like a pack of angry wolves searching for warmth.*

## 7. List Sentence

Use 3–5 actions, items, or details showing Santa preparing to confront the Grinch.

Example: *Santa tightened his boots, grabbed his glowing compass, checked his sleigh runners, and raced into the swirling snow.*



## 8. Dialogue

Include a line of spoken words revealing personality.

Example: *"You can't steal Christmas from me, Grinch—because it doesn't fit in your sack!" Santa shouted.*

## 9. Start with an -ing Word

Begin with a participle as Santa makes his next move.

Example: *Charging through the blizzard, Santa followed the trail of green footprints winding up the mountain.*

## 10. Echo or Twist

Repeat or transform the idea from Sentence 1 to show a shift.

Example: *The fight was on—but now Santa knew he would win.*

