A story can be about anything. The only limit is your imagination. All you need is inspiration to stimulate your imagination. You could write a story:

* Using a favourite line/dialogue from another story/book as your first line.
* Look at a photograph and tell the story about it.
* Re-write a scene from your favourite book/tv show/movie
* Write about something interesting that happened to someone you know

**Class activity:**

* What is your favourite book/tv show/movie?
* What do you like about it?
* What is the basic idea behind this?

**Exercise:**

* In order to develop an idea we’re going to focus on using your favourite object as a point of inspiration.
* Refer to **Worksheet 2: Favourite Object**

**Example:**

*Amra’s favourite object is:*

* A little blue suitcase that I’ve had since I was a child

*Describe the object? Use your senses.*

* It is blue in colour, hard, has locks, there is masking tape on the front with my name and address from my trip to Bosnia.
* It is battered and scratched from travel.
* I remember carrying it through the airport and keeping my belongings in it.

*What memories does this object evoke?*

* Travelling overseas as a child
* Using it to hide my favourite toys
* It’s been with me ever since I can remember
* Unlike toys it didn’t get destroyed or worn out
* I use it to store my mementos including my father’s papers

*My father*

* Died when I was 4 years old
* Don’t know much about him
* When I received his papers I explored them and tried to understand who he was

*Give the object to your character. Who is your character?*

* A thirteen year old girl, Tamara,

*What is your story going to be about?*

* A girl who doesn’t know her father. She embarks on a quest to find out who her father is.