

How to write an #8WORDSTORY

At **Queensland Writers Centre**, we love stories! We love them so much we are asking everyone to write one using **just eight words** – we'll then share them at www.8WordStory.com and show some of our favourites on **THE goa GRID™** billboards right across Brisbane.

To help you write your own **#8WordStory**, we've prepared eight handy tips that we hope will inspire you!

1. **Keep it simple!** Stick to writing about one of our themes: **love, play, home** and **change**.
2. **What is the main point of the story?** Ask yourself: what is the story about? What's **happening** in the story?
3. **Who is the story about?** Think about the characters in the story and who they are. You can try writing about **you** and **me**.
4. **How does the story affect your reader?** Great stories can **entertain** and **educate**, but all stories make us **feel something**.
5. **Think about the five senses.** How can you use **sight, sound, smell, touch** or **taste** to enrich your story? Pick the one that works best.
6. **Write it long, make it short.** Writing a story in eight words can be tricky – that's what makes it fun. If you're having trouble, write the story a little longer and then **edit it down**.
7. **Make every word count!** Choose the **right word** for what you want to say. Did she "run quickly" (2 words) or did she "bolt" (1 word)?
8. **Keep it inclusive!** Make sure your story is free from any language that is mean, discriminatory or rude. We want to make sure **everyone feels safe** when writing and reading these stories.

Remember to **share your story** with your teacher or ask an adult to help you submit it at www.8WordStory.com. Happy writing!