

Proof-Reading

Write a story on your computer. You could use the example below or write your own.

When you have written it read it again. Check for any mistakes. Now ask a friend to read it and check for mistakes. (*This is not an opportunity to make someone look silly! This is what authors like J.K. Rowling and her publishers do.*) Check for spelling, punctuation, grammar and the use of words.

Use the 'Spelling and Grammar' function to help you. Use the 'Thesaurus' function to find better words to use.

BECOME AN AUTHOR

WRITE YOUR OWN WOODLAND STORY

Why not write a story for us and send it to our website? We'll be happy to upload some of them to the website. Here are some ideas to help you write your own stories. There are also some pictures to help you set the scene.

My First View of the Woodland

I was born a badger cub. I was born in February, as all badger cubs are. For the first four weeks of my life, my brothers, sisters and I had been tucked up, safe and secure, dry and warm, inside the underground nesting chamber belonging to my family.



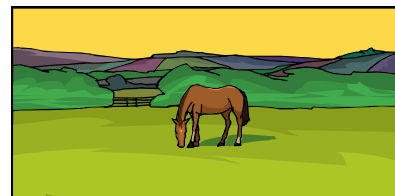
One day in early May, as the sun was setting behind the wild wood, my mother whispered to me, "Tonight, Darling, we are all going to leave the sett for the first time."

• Now complete the story, writing about your experiences. What did you see, smell, hear and taste for the first time?



My First Big Adventure

You are a badger cub. You have been coming out to play in the evenings, with your brothers and sisters, and having all sorts of fun. Mum and Dad have been showing you what to eat and where to find it.



Now they are taking you all on a big adventure. You are to go out to patrol your family's territory!

• Describe what happens on this great adventure.

The Wreckers

You are an adult badger in a small sett at the edge of some woodland. All is well and life is peaceful, until one afternoon. You are awakened by lots of crashing and heavy thumping noises from above. You peek nervously out of the entrance to see that a gang of men are chopping the trees down.



- Write about what happens as you move your family to a new sett on the other side of the wood.



Word	Better Word/s
big	
little	
thin	
fat	
quickly	
slowly	
high	
low	
up	
down	

Use the blank cells to think of words of your own. Then use the Thesaurus function to find better ones.

Why not include clip art into your story? You could send your story to us at the website. We'd love to see them.

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