

Are you ready for some writing prompts with a twist? We're going to try something called Story Steps. Each step requires you to write one or more sentences using specific words at least once. But, with each step, the assignment grows harder. Your new sentence with the key words has to fit together with all the sentences you've written previously. And, it has to build a story. You are allowed to rearrange the sentences, or the wording in the sentences, to accomplish this. For example:

Day one—**tree**. My cat Peter ran up the **tree**.

Day two—**wristwatch**. My cat Peter ran up the **tree**. But, he ran into a squirrel and got so scared he jumped out of the tree. He landed on my arm and scratched my new **wristwatch**.

Day three—**butterfly**. My cat Peter ran up the **tree**, chasing a **butterfly**. But, he ran into a squirrel and got so scared he jumped out of the tree. He landed on my arm and scratched my new **wristwatch**.

Day four—**walrus**. My cat Peter ran up the **tree**, chasing a **butterfly**. But, he ran into a squirrel and got so scared he jumped out of the tree. Actually, he fell out of the tree and landed in my arms. I have to ask mom about that cat food we've been feeding him—he's so heavy it felt like a **walrus** had fallen out of the tree! I'll have to tell her what Peter did, anyway. He scratched my new **wristwatch**. He's the reason I had to get a new one to begin with!

Are you ready to get started? This week's theme is Christmas! You can do Part One and Part Two separately (or try them together for a bigger challenge!). TRY not to read ahead. Just take one step at a time.

Step this way!





Story Steps: Christmas Part One



Step One: carols and earmuffs

Step Two: bell and turkey



Step Three: ickle and apron

Step Four: dog and cat



Step Five: red and surprise

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 20 horizontal lines. The first 18 lines are full-width, and the last 2 lines are shorter, ending at the same horizontal position as the Christmas tree illustration.



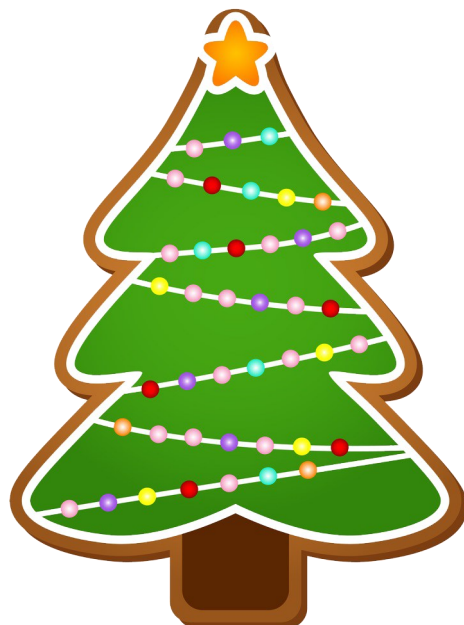


Story Steps: Christmas Part Two



Step One: ribbon and gold

Step Two: box and garland



Step Three: doorbell and tree

Step Four: popcorn and butterflies



Step Five: celebrate and song

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 20 horizontal lines.

