

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 themes are "On the Farm" and "In the House." TRY not to read ahead. Just take one step at a time.

Step this way!

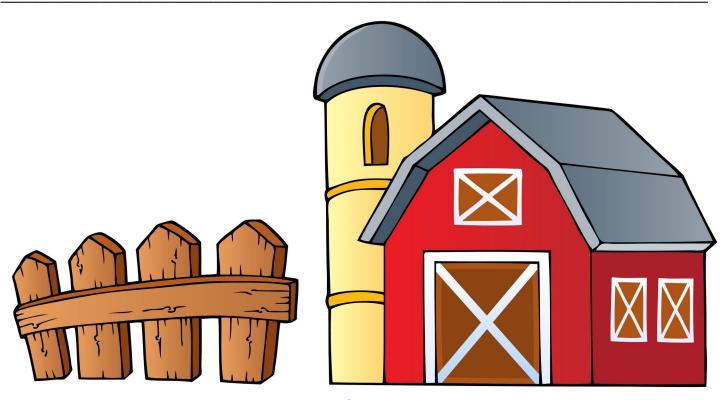




## Story Steps: On the Farm



Step One: goat and bucket			
Step Two: fence and balloon			



Step Three: pig and truck	
Step Four: apple and ball	

Step Five: barn and couch	



## Story Steps: In the House



Step One: couch and lamp		
Step Two: coat and desk		



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Step Three: lasagna and coffee	
Step Four: brother and pet	

Step Five: tissue and ham	