

## Writing Model Fictional Narrative

**Prompt: Write a story in which the main character solves a problem.**

**Beginning**  
tells about the  
characters  
and setting  
and  
introduces  
the problem.

Evan was very proud of his part of the community garden. He grew beans, tomatoes, corn, and lettuce. He sold the crops at a roadside stand, and the money he made went into a fund for college. Every year, he did well. But this year, someone was stealing his vegetables!

Each night, heads of lettuce were disappearing, one by one. The beans were there one day and gone the next. The corn husks were empty. Only the tomatoes were left.

“We have to find out who’s doing this and why!” Evan cried to his friend Mattie. “It must be a person. An animal couldn’t get over the garden fence.”

“Let’s stay up and keep watch,” Mattie suggested.

**Events are  
told in  
sequence.**

That night, they hid behind a big tree near the garden. “It’s too dark to see!” Mattie whispered. Then the moon slipped out from behind a cloud.

There stood a tall deer, with its head over the garden fence. It crunched the corn hungrily. As the two watched, a rabbit leaped onto the deer’s back and jumped over the fence into the garden. It chewed its way through the lettuce and beans, but rabbits don’t like tomatoes, so it left those alone.

“Hey!” Evan yelled. Frightened, the deer turned and ran. The rabbit was trapped.

**Ending tells  
how the  
problem is  
solved.**

Evan opened the gate and let the rabbit out. “Do NOT come back here,” he warned it. The rabbit looked at him, and Evan was sure it understood.