

KS2 Creative Writing Workshop with Mike Amatt

Cut out, or copy the opening line that you wish to continue on from, in your own story. Any of the details can be changed. For example the first line might become "The Cubs of Eagle pack slept peacefully in their tents.... Etc.

The children of slept peacefully in their beds, unaware of what awaited them when they awoke the following morning.

This could be a national disaster like a flood, or freak snowdrift etc. Or it could be that somebody has stolen all the colour from the world.... Or perhaps all the animals have learned overnight, to talk!!! It's your story... Anything can happen in your imagination.

"Wake up lazybones!" shouted Caitlin's dad from the bottom of the stairs. "Today's the big day and your cornflakes are going soggy"

(Remember, you can change the name or details to suit) What could the "big day" be.... a birthday? Some kind of sports trial? Maybe Caitlin is collecting a new pet from the animal sanctuary? It could be that she is meeting The Queen or perhaps her favourite pop star/ actor???

"Clunk!.... Clang!" Ashraf lay in bed in the early hours wondering who ... or what could be making that strange sound.

(That "strange sound" could become "terrifying noise") This is a "Things that go bump in the night" story. Instead of "Clunk! ... Clang!" What if it was "Slither Hissss" Whatever you make it, this is an opening line into a scary story.

*Try to put the following six words/phrases into your story, in the order that they are listed. I found this in a school in Salford. I often use it in my story writing. It's called simply **SAMJEF***

- S** Suddenly
- A** After a while
- M** Meanwhile
- J** Just then
- E** Eventually
- F** Finally