

## Story Genres

Keep your writing interesting: practise different genres of creative writing and become adept at recreating the different styles.

Historical	Thriller	Romance	Realistic Fiction	Detective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Life in the past</li><li>• Big events or battles</li><li>• Famous historical people or fictionalised characters based in the past</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lots of action</li><li>• Heroes are often police officers or spies</li><li>• Characters chase each other</li><li>• There may be a time limit... or a countdown of some sort</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two main characters fall in love</li><li>• Sometimes things (or people) get in the way, but there is always a happy ending</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• These stories are set in “normal” places</li><li>• Story plots include families and personal relationships</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The hero is usually part of the police force</li><li>• A crime is carried out at the beginning</li><li>• During the course of the story the crime is solved</li></ul>

Ghost Story	Comedy	Fantasy	Horror	Science Fiction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Usually set in a house which is haunted</li><li>• One of the characters will be a ghost – sometimes the other characters will not realise that it is a ghost</li><li>• Ghost stories are usually scary</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• These stories usually have a happy ending</li><li>• There will be lots of misunderstandings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• These stories might include dwarves, elves, warriors or dragons</li><li>• The storyline could be a quest for an important object or a battle between armies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The main character battles dangerous, almost unstoppable enemies</li><li>• Nearly everyone will die</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The story is usually set in space or involves an alien invasion</li><li>• Futuristic technology is used in interesting way</li></ul>

Stories are not usually restricted to one single genre. Feel free to choose a number of mixed-genres as the inspiration for your writing. Some examples could include: *comedy-ghost story*, *historical-thriller* or *science-fiction-detective story*.