

Proofreading: Story Writing

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- 2) **Grammatical correctness B.** (*Use our sheet.*) (mark in orange)
 - Are the tenses correct? (With stories, it is usually the past tense.)
 - Are adverbs used where needed and are they in their right positions?
- 3) **Content** (mark in red)
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 - Are there paragraphs, e. g. an introduction, a main part and an ending?
 - Does the story build up to a climax, perhaps a surprise ending?
 - Is this story based on what has happened or could have happened?
 - Is the story exciting so that readers want to read all of it?
- 4) **Powers of expression** (mark in green)
 - Is this the text type that you expect? Does the syntax help to get the speaker's message across?
 - Are there linking phrases that make clear who did what, how, where, when and why? (*Mark linking phrases that are used to good effect with an exclamation mark on the margin!*)

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