

# TAF2020 CHILDREN'S SHORT STORY COMPETITION

## Steps to Write a Mystery Short Story



Step 1. Make a start today.

Step 2. Read and watch mystery stories with female detectives for inspiration.

Step 3. Create your female detective – who is she?

Step 4. Choose your location - where does your detective live?

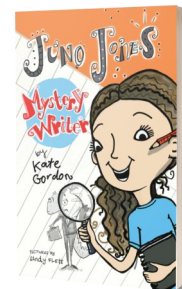
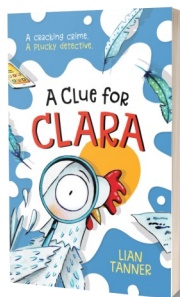
Step 5. Create your mystery - what is it and how will your detective solve it?

Step 6. Write a first draft of your story – become your detective.

Step 7. Now for the magic step that takes your story from good to great – editing.

Read your story and make changes until you're happy with it.

Step 8. Send it in.



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