

Lesson 3

Putting a Character Into a Mundane Situation

Learning Goal

I can write about what my character does in a mundane situation.

Today we will put our character in a familiar situation and write about it in depth.

Remember, focusing on a particular moment from our character's everyday life, we start to see the little details that make him or her unique.

Show instead of tell.

Boring sentence:

Ted is a picky eater.

Vamp it up by SHOWING this about the character:

Ted picked apart his food.

Ted fidgeted at the dinner table.

Ted turned his nose up when his mom set the plate at the dinner table.

What are some examples of “mundane” situations?

Mundane	In-Between	Extraordinary/ Uncommon
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● cleaning your room●	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● having a party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● getting kidnapped

Brainstorm

1. Think about your character's daily life.
1. Write down THREE mundane situations your character might find themselves in.

Was your mundane situation...

- a chore?
- a situation you often find yourself in?
- a situation your character would probably be in every day?
- something that happens at school?
- Something that happens at home?

Write

Pick one of the three mundane situations you wrote down.
Write about your character in that moment. Use showing details to describe how your character acts.



10:00

Closing

Getting to know a character who's going through a situation that sounds real is going to be really fun and relatable for your audience.

Raise your hand if...

- you feel like you know your character better after putting them in this situation
- your mundane situation seemed believable
- your character was happy to be in the situation
- you relate to the way your character acted in the mundane situation