

## Stories Hidden Inside a Title

This is a writing activity for Monday (or Tuesday, Wednesday ...). This is one of my absolute favourites passed on to me from a friend. Everybody loves these – even people who don't generally like writing!

They are so good that I wrote 3 in bed this morning as I couldn't remember where I'd saved my old ones. So I'll show you my stories and I think you will get the idea.

Choose a title about something that you are interested in ... an animal, a planet, football ... absolutely anything. I chose: 'Alien' because I quite like Sci-Fi, 'Ants' because my brother told me a funny story about some ants in his room when he was on holiday in Thailand and 'Cat' because my cat was attacking my feet.

Here we go ...

### Alien (5 sentence story)

**A**lthough I had known her for quite some time, she was a difficult person to know well. **L**ately, I had been wondering exactly where she came from – I mean had she ever told me? **I**n fact, I realised that I knew very little about her, apart from her name ... and that was a little strange.

**E**ventually, the day came when I felt that I had to ask questions. **N**othing prepared me for the answers she gave: "I come from the planet Zobra," she explained, as she pushed back her fringe to reveal a third eye.

### Ants (4 sentence story)

**A**s I looked up from my bed, I shrieked in shock (mixed with fascination). **N**umerous, large ants streamed across the floor of my hotel room, holding a piece of melon skin above their heads triumphantly. **T**o be honest, I admired their teamwork and determination, although my toes recoiled in horror!

**S**o it served me right for being slovenly and not disposing of my 'left-overs' carefully, I hear you thinking ...

### Cat (3 sentence story)

**C**autiously, I trailed my toes across the rug, anticipating the moment of action. **A**lmost at once, my feline friend lowered himself into position, eyes flickering, ready. **T**wo small scratches appeared, trails of red, like a line of embroidery.

***If you hadn't already worked it out ... each sentence must begin with a letter from the title (in order – no extra sentences allowed).***

***Top tip – a dash is a very useful piece of punctuation for extending your sentences. You can tag on a few words, or even a whole sentence without cheating!***