**NANO STORIES**

A **nano story** is a story of only 5 or 6 words. Effective nano stories introduce a problem or conflict and introduce a character.

**What you will need:**
- Paper or an exercise book and pen to record your thinking.

**What to do:**
1. Brainstorm a list of different settings (both indoors and outdoors) and unusual events. Record your ideas.
2. Now, brainstorm a list of characters.
3. Select one of the settings or events from your list and one of the characters (who will be the subject of your nano story).
4. Think about the event or complication your character might find themselves in and start writing.
5. *Note: Your story may start off being a few sentences long. You will need to consider what is important and what is not, then edit out the details that are not critical to the story.

**What learning is happening:**
Nano stories help you to consciously think about using precise language through careful word choices to communicate ideas to an audience.

**Links to more information:**
- [Learning at home](http://www.education.tas.gov.au/parents-carers/learning-at-home/)

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Nano story examples
- Just 16, alone, barefoot and homeless.
- Catastrophe: Epidemic ravages cities and towns.
- Exactly where they’d fall.
- Engulfed in flames, hopeless, careless, fearless.
