

Monday 18th May 2020

WALT – write an exciting opening to a story

Story openings!
Here is the opening to Jack and
the Beanstalk
Read it. What does it include?

Once upon a time, there lived a boy called Jack. He lived in a cottage with his mother and their most valuable possession was a cow called Daisy. Daisy provided fresh milk for Jack and his mother every day. They loved her very much.



Opening line

Introduces the
characters

Tells me a little
bit about them

This opening is good. Your
openings can be GREAT!

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We need to 'hook' our readers so they keep reading more!

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Have a look at your plan from last week. How are you going to start your story?



Jack and his mum
are poor and live
on a small farm.



Susie, her mum and
brother all live in a
townhouse in Lewes! Her
mother designs gardens.

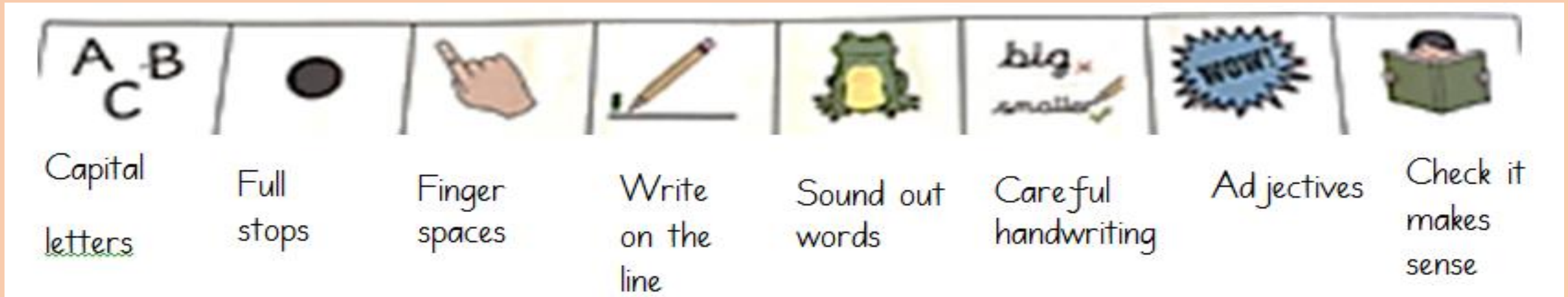
Here is my example. Can you use the checklist to see if I have done everything?

Once upon a time in a land far away there lived a young, energetic girl called Susie. She was always going on adventures with her twin brother Tom. They had lots of fun together every day! They lived with their beautiful mother in Lewes. The whole family loved it there because there were so many shops around. Susie and Tom's favourite shop was the amazing sweet shop at the top of the town! It sold the most delicious sweets.

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Write the opening to your story in your books using lined paper!
NOTHING MORE!

This should be independent – I have attached a word mat you might need to help you with some spellings. Remember if you are not sure have a go! Use your phonics.

beanstalk



mother



beans



chased



once upon a time



climb



magical



CHALLENGE:

Can you write 2 openings and choose your best one?

Why did you choose that one?