

Creating characters

Before you start writing a story, you'll need to create a main character – a 'protagonist' – and an 'antagonist', a character who gets in the way of what the protagonist wants.

Fill in the profiles below, and start thinking how you can bring your characters to life.

Protagonist

This could be someone who's investigating a haunting, or who has witnessed some kind of terrible crime.

Name

Does he/she have any special abilities?

What are his/her distinguishing features?

Does he/she have a sidekick or any close friends?

What is his/her greatest ambition?

What is he/she afraid of?

What words best describe him/her?

Weak points

Give your protagonist weaknesses as well as strengths. It helps build tension in the story if there's a chance the protagonist might not succeed.