

Worksheet 4: Questions to ask yourself as you write

What time line are you going to use?

- Is it morning?
- Afternoon?
- Night?
- Does your story happen over a day or an hour or even over several months?

As you write your scenes or chapters ask yourself the following questions. If an extra idea pops into your brain just put it into your ideas book.

1. Are you keeping your main character at the centre of the action moving the story along?
2. Is the scene you are writing one step further to achieving the goal?
3. Are you putting an obstacle in their way?
4. Will overcoming the obstacle lead the main character to achieve their goal?

Remember just before the end of the play or story, things should be so bad for the main character that we don't think they will achieve their goal. Then they do. Or maybe they don't? Is there enough suspense? What will happen if the character does not achieve their goal?