

Acronyms to Remember

Use these acronyms to encourage excellent and enthusiastic student writing!

D. G. C. = Don't Go Crazy!

Keep it real. Keep it simple. As students brainstorm characters, setting, and problems they can only add to the list: names of real people or animals (but not people in their classroom), places they have really been to, and problems they have really had.

D. B. B. = Don't Be Boring!

Ask and answer the 'W' questions to bring out the details.
Who? What? Where? Why? When? Which? How?

F.A.'E = Forget About 'Em!

Make a different word choice for:
Good • Bad • Happy • Sad • Mad • Afraid

F.A.P. = Find a Partner

You'll need a story partner. Choose someone who likes to work hard, just like you.

T.I.U. = Tell It Ugly!

After you've made your story choices, talk out your story with your story partner. It won't sound pretty. That's o.k., just tell it ugly!

N.V.I. = Not Very Interesting!

Stuck? Bugged down? Not sure what to say next? Is your story sounding not very interesting?

Ask your story partner to ask you some of the 'W' questions to get your imagination working again.