

# Story Writing for Class 8 CBSE Format, Topics Exercises, and Examples

## Key Elements for Story

A short story has five key elements

1. Characters A short story has few characters.
2. Setting Time frame and place constitute setting of short stories.
3. Plot As simple and as interesting as possible.
4. Conflict It is the struggle between two sides of the theme of the story. Conflict can be between characters, emotions, beliefs or thoughts. It gives life to short stories.
5. Theme The central idea or the main belief of the story is the theme. Every word of the story should be written related to the theme. As a student you will either be given opening lines or an outline of the plot. You will be required to build the outline or the theme provided, into a full-fledged story. You should try to make it as interesting as possible.

## Sample Story Writing

Develop stories from given outlines. Remember to give the moral of the story in the end.

An old lady becomes blind ..... calls in a doctor ..... agrees to pay large fees if cured ..... doctor comes daily..... Starts stealing one piece of furniture daily ..... delays the cure ..... at last cures her ..... demands his fees..... lady refuses to pay, saying cure is not complete..... doctor objects lady says sight not restored as she cannot see all her furniture ..... moral.

Title → The Missing Furniture

There was once an old lady. She meets with an accident and loses her eyesight. She becomes very upset and calls in the most qualified surgeon in town to treat her. She promises to pay a large amount of fees to the surgeon if he is able to restore her eyesight. The surgeon visits the old lady every day and gives her some medicines. He takes advantage of the fact that she is blind and can't see anything. He starts stealing pieces of expensive furniture from the house.

Content → He takes away one piece every day. For this purpose he delays the cure. When he takes away all the furniture from the house he restores the eyesight of the lady.

When he asks for the fees, the old lady refuses to pay him. She says that her eyesight is not yet fully restored. The surgeon disagrees. The lady plainly replies that she is not able to see the furniture in the house, which means that her eyesight has not been restored. The doctor feels ashamed and quietly leaves the house.

Moral-Cod watches our every action.

## Solved Questions

### Question 1:

Given below is an outline of a story in which a disciple is expecting the visit of God. Develop a complete story on the basis of the input given. Also state the moral of the story.

God's promise to a disciple to visit her..... disciple cleans her house and waits for God..... poor old lady knocks her door ..... disciple doesn't help her ..... tells her not to waste her time ..... next, beggar comes at her door step she doesn't entertain him either ..... Finally a child knocks her door ..... she sends him away too ..... dreams of God that night ..... God tells him that he had come thrice at her door step, but she didn't bother ..... lady disappointed ..... moral.

## God Coming Home

### Answer:

God promised a devoted disciple that he would visit her that day. She felt very happy. She started cleaning her house. She mopped, cleaned, polished and scrubbed every nook and corner of the house. Then she sat and waited for God desperately. Suddenly there was a knock at the door. She was very excited to see God standing at her doorstep. When she opened the door, she found a poor hungry old lady asking for alms. She point blank refused to talk to her saying, "Go away, don't waste my time. I am waiting for someone special. I am waiting for God." The old, helpless lady left, disappointed.

After some time there was another knock at the door. She opened the door thinking that this time it has got to be God at her door step. To her utter dismay, when she opened the door she saw a beggar standing there. He was looking tired, helpless and hungry. He asked for something to eat. "Don't waste my time, you old beggar. "The woman replied." Can't you see I am expecting to see God any moment now. Go away and come back another day." She slammed the door at his face. The beggar turned back with tears in his eyes.

There was a third knock at the door. The woman ran to open the door to welcome God. To her surprise, she saw a hungry child standing outside. He was crying and his clothes were torn. The woman lost her temper and scolded the child for ringing her doorbell unnecessarily. Again she slammed the door angrily.

As evening approached, there was no sign of God. She went to bed with a heavy heart. God came in her dream and said "I knocked at your door three times and every time you slammed the door at my face." The woman was shocked to hear this and repented her behaviour.

Moral God resides in every human being.