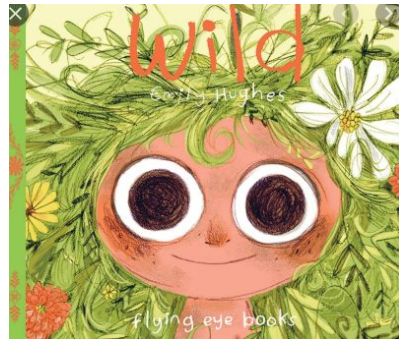


## Lesson 1: To write your own opening to a 'Wild' story

It's time to find out what happens in Wild.



If you click here, the author will read you the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9mamhblZAE>

- Did you enjoy the story?
- What did you think of the ending?
- Did you spot the message at the end of the story? "You cannot tame something so happily wild." What does this mean?

Today, you are going to write your own story called 'Wild'.

Your finished story will have this structure:

a rainforest animal is living peacefully in its natural habitat



it gets taken out of its natural habitat because of deforestation and put into a different habitat



it gets back to the wild.

*Message: Habitats are precious because so many creatures are dependent on them, let's all play our part in protecting them.*

You told the pupil researchers that you thought it would be better to plan and write a section of the story each day, so that is what we are going to do!

Today, you are going to plan and write the opening section of the story.

**Task 1:** Choose a rainforest animal to be your main character.

Here are some suggestions:



I am going to choose a **baby howler monkey**. Draw a quick sketch and then around the edge write down 5 words and phrases to describe its personality in the wild. What does the animal do that shows these sides of its personality?

This word mat might help:



## Adjectives for Characters



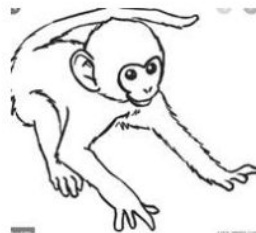
angry	contented	cheerful	disgusting
mad	calm	colourful	wrinkled
furious	happy	greedy	enormous
bad	satisfied	mean	broad
evil	merry	selfish	large
bold	joyful	lazy	big
naughty	dangerous	idle	tall
cheeky	savage	dozy	short
rude	vicious	pretty	tiny
dreadful	delicate	beautiful	foolish
awful	weak	attractive	silly
harsh	frail	handsome	zany
terrible	forgetful	athletic	confused
wicked	careless	sporty	muddled
horrible	untidy	odd	lucky
horrid	wasteful	unfriendly	fortunate
brave	generous	aloof	poor
courageous	kind	quaint	unfortunate
daring	helpful	cute	quick
adventurous	loving	rich	fast
clever	brilliant	wealthy	speedy
intelligent	wonderful	rowdy	rapid
smart	excellent	loud	
skilful	awesome	ugly	

Here is my example:

loud - calls across  
the canopy to his friends

loving - clings  
onto his  
mother's back

mischievous - throws  
berries at the sloths



skilful - leaps from tree to tree

playful - chases the other monkeys  
and tries to pull their tails

Task 2: Now you are going to write your opening section about this animal in its natural environment.

You are going to remember to include **fronted adverbials** and **noun phrases**.

Here is my example:

Nobody knew how long the baby howler monkey **with the curly tail** had been living in the **lush green** rainforest but everyone knew it was right. **Every morning**, he would ride on his mother's back as they went to search for berries and he would look around his home. The poison dart frogs **by the water's edge** caught their prey and the **vibrant blue** butterflies **on the flowers** collected their nectar. **When the sun was high in the sky**, he would call loudly to the other baby howler monkeys and they would chase each other through the trees, trying to grab the tail of the monkey **in front**. **For many hours**, they would swing noisily from branch to branch, picking **soft, red** berries and throwing them at the sleeping sloths. The baby howler monkey was relaxed and contented, but one day all that changed.

## Lesson 2: To write the middle section of your own Wild story

Today we are going to plan and write the middle section of our story.

The bulldozers come into the rainforest. What happens to your character?

Here are some suggestions:

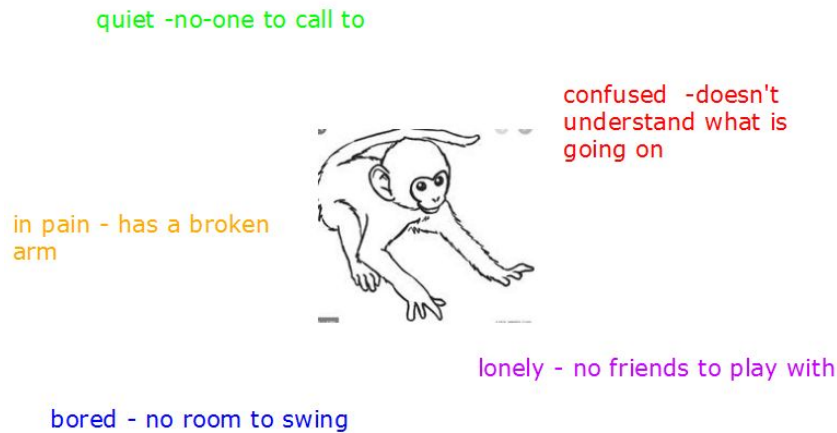
Gets captured and taken to a zoo.	Gets injured and taken to an animal hospital.	Gets put in a cage.	Has to perform tricks to get food.
Is kept as a pet.	Gets taken to a cold country.	Your own idea:	

My baby howler monkey gets injured and taken to an animal hospital.

How does your character feel and act now?

Task 1: Label your sketch with words and phrases to show how your main character feels and acts in this new, unfamiliar environment.

Here is my example:



Task 2: Now you are going to write this section of the story.

Here is mine:

**Early one morning**, the bulldozers came. He could hear these **big, yellow** monsters coming closer and closer. He was so frightened that he let go of his mother's back and tumbled to the ground. Everything went black. **When he woke up**, he was in pain. His left arm had a **solid, white** plaster cast on it. Where was he? He explored his new surroundings. The bars **on the cage** were cold and unwelcoming. He listened out for the calls of his playmates, but all he heard was silence. There was no room to swing and no tails to pull. **In the corner**, he found cool water and a pile of delicious berries. He ate them sadly as there was no-one to throw them at. A human smiled in at him but he shrank back and tried to hide. He missed his mother. He missed his friends. He missed his home.

### Lesson 3: To write the ending of your own Wild story

Today we are going to write the end of our story.

Read your story so far to remind yourself what has happened.

- How is your character going to get back to the wild?

Here are some suggestions:

Escapes	Rescued	Released
Relocated	Your own idea:	

My howler monkey is going to be driven to a different area of the rainforest where his mother and friends have already been taken.

- How does your character feel now they are back in the wild?

My howler monkey is relieved to be back with his friends and family and is enjoying exploring his new home.

Don't forget to end with the message!

Here is mine:

**After a few weeks**, the plaster cast **on his arm** was removed and he found himself being bundled into a van. Tears began to fall down his face. He was so frightened. **Eventually**, the van came to a halt and the back doors were opened. The baby howler monkey was confused. This was not his home and yet he could hear his friends calling loudly to each other. **As he stepped out into the bright sunlight**, he saw his mother and he sprang towards her. He leapt on her back and she showed him his new home. Their old home had been destroyed but luckily they had been moved to a safer part of the rainforest. The baby howler monkey was relieved to be back in the wild at last.

**Habitats are precious because so many creatures are dependent on them, let's all play our part in protecting them.**

**Well done. You now have the first draft of your Wild! story.  
Keep it safe and don't show us yet! Next week we will edit and  
publish.**