

## Planning Your Story

### Description

Stories should be descriptive. The writer must help the reader see, hear, and feel what's happening in the story.

Using interesting adjectives and adverbs makes a story come alive.

Here are some examples:

Simple - Bill ran across the gym.

More descriptive - Bill huffed and puffed as he lumbered across the gym.

Simple - Sue picked a bunch of flowers.

More descriptive - Sue picked an enormous bunch of brilliant red geraniums and bright yellow daisies.

Below is an example of good description in a published book, The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog by John Erickson.

I crouched down and crept forward, every muscle in my highly conditioned body taut and ready for action. Five feet, four feet, three feet, two. I sprang through the air and hit right in the middle of the biggest porcupine I ever saw.