

Creative Writing

For English Language Students

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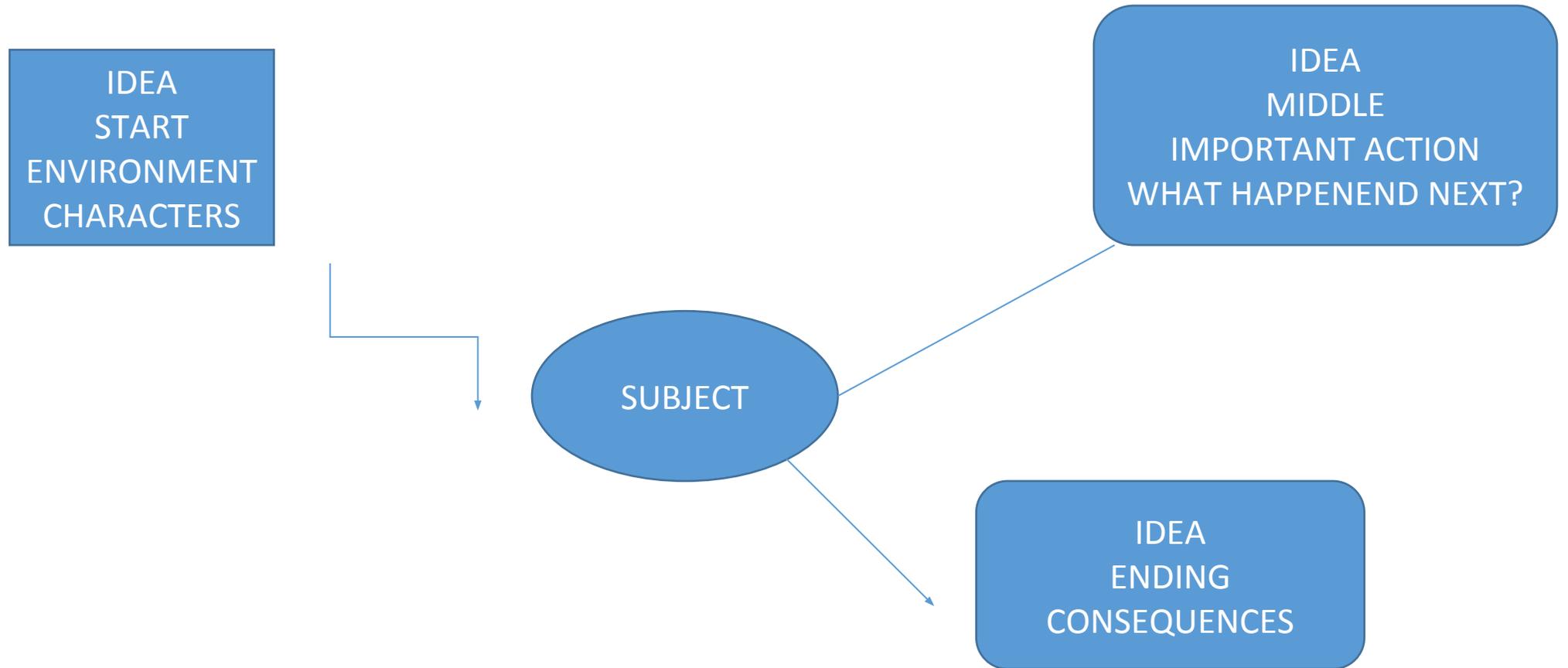
Mind mapping

- Also called “brainstorming”
- The outline or skeleton of your story
- Where you want to go in your story
- Write down some ideas before you start writing your story

Examples of Creative Writing Topics

- Dangerous holidays
- An accident
- The day something amazing happened
- The storm
- The earthquake
- A haunted house
- Meeting a hero or celebrity
- A crime

Example of a Mind Map



Structure

➤ Start

➤ Middle

➤ End

The Start

- Describes the situation
- Creates the atmosphere
- Describes any characters

The Middle

- Something important or dramatic
- The most important part of the story

The End

- How you managed the dramatic or significant event
- What was its consequence
- How were characters changed by the dramatic or significant event

Writing Tips for Structure

- Write clearly
- Use paragraphs
- Short stories usually have at least three paragraphs
- Use linking words. Also called “discourse markers” for example, However, At the beginning, In the end, Finally, Moreover.

Common Writing Errors

- Punctuation

- Capital letters

- Commas

- Full stops

- See practice exercise at the end of the presentation

Linking Words

- Students often forget to use linking words or expressions
- Examples:
 - Also
 - But
 - However,
 - In the beginning
 - At the start
 - In the end
 - Finally
- See practice exercise at the end of the presentation