

# Narrative Openings

## Sound Effects

"BZZZ." The sound of my alarm clock woke me with a start. Today was going to be the best day of my life and I had to be on time.

## Statement

Once upon a time, I was a house made out of dreams.

## Character Thoughts

Was it just a bad dream? Or was what I feared true?

## Question

What's that noise?

## Character Actions

Eva unwrapped a cinnamon Danish, opened her notebook, and stared helplessly at the wide, white

## Dialogue

"Tell me a story," said Penelope one night after supper.

## Character Description

His mother was ugly and his father was ugly, but Shrek was uglier than the two of them put together.

## Setting

Storm in the night. Thunderlike mountains blowing up. Lightning licking the navy-blue sky. Rain streaming down the windows, babbling in the downspouts.