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Making “Grabbing” Opening Lines in Writing

Notes

**What are Grabbers?**

Grabbers should make the reader feel:

* *curiosity*
* *humor*
* *wonder*
* *sympathy*
* *anger*
* *sorrow*
* *fear*
* *mystery*

These feelings cause the reader to want to know what happens next. They get hooked on your story! There are many types of grabbers

**How to write a good grabber:**

1. Dialogue

* *Have a character say something. “Why are you eating a tarantula?” my little sister asked.*

2. Mystery Statement

* *I was eleven when I found the key that would change my life.*

3. Introduce a place

* *The city was bursting full of people on the day I lost my first tooth.*

4. Shocking Statement

* *I’ll never forget the day my tongue turned purple and green.*

5. Humorous Statement

* *I didn’t mean to drive my teacher crazy. It just happened that way.*

6. Question to the reader

* *Don’t you think every boy deserves to have a dog of his own?*

7. Action

* *I screamed and twisted away from the man.*