# Lesson II Stay on Topic

When you write a story, tell just one story at a time. Your story will be easier to understand.

Mike wrote a story. It is about his big sister. Read Mike's story.



### Mel's New Bike

Mel has a new red bike. Mel and Mom put on their helmets.

They rode their bikes around the block. They got hot and stopped for ice cream. My favorite kind of ice cream is vanilla.

Mel loves her new bike.

Mike's story has a beginning, middle, and an end. Each sentence is written correctly. However, Mike wrote a sentence that doesn't belong in the story. The story is about Mel and her bike. Find the sentence that does not belong and write it below.

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Tina wrote about her cat. Read Tina's story. Look for a sentence that does not belong.



#### Bob the Cat

Bob woke me up this morning. He licked my nose. That is how he always wakes me up. Bob is three years old. I push him away. Then he licks again. As soon as I get up, Bob curls up on my pillow. He is only looking for a warm spot to sleep.

Now, check Tina's story.

Find the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Write **b**, **m**, and **e** where each part starts.

Circle the capital letter that begins each sentence.

Put a box around the period that ends each sentence.

Draw a line through the sentence that does not belong.

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Now, check your story.

### **Questions to Ask About a Story**

Does it have a beginning, middle, and end?

Does each sentence begin with a capital letter?

Does each sentence end with an end mark?

Is there a space between each word?

Does every sentence belong?