

## Effective Story Endings

The ending to a piece of fiction is really important. It can make or break your story! Don't spoil a good story by having a rubbish ending. JK Rowling wrote the ending to the Harry Potter series before the first book was published. This way she makes sure that all the events that happen in between lead to and build up to, a spectacular ending.

When planning your story, you should make sure the ending is effective and matches earlier events in the plot.

Here is a plan for a story with three possible endings:

<b>OPENING</b> Three climbers decide to climb Mount Everest as it is the only major mountain in the world they haven't climbed.		
<b>BUILD UP</b> They begin their trek up the mountain but don't tell anyone they are going as they know it is dangerous.		
<b>DILEMMA</b> One climber falls but is saved from plummeting to his death by a ledge – he has broken his leg.		
<b>EVENTS</b> The three climbers spend an uncomfortable Night on the mountain. The temperature drops and the injured man becomes ill.		
<b>RESOLUTION / ENDINGS</b>		
<b>Happy Ending</b> One climber has a flare and all three are rescued.	<b>Cliff Hanger</b> Two of the climbers go back Down the mountain to get help, Leaving the injured man behind. Will they return?	<b>Sad/ Reflective</b> A helicopter spots them on the mountain and a rescue party arrives but too late to save the injured man.

Look at the plan and how the events link - all the endings could be possible from the previous events.

### Your Task!

You are going to plan 3 possible endings to the story of the explorers (from the short film) to match the plan you have been given (below). You must choose a happy ending, cliff hanger and sad/reflective ending.

You could also think of some good vocabulary and phrases you would like to use in your writing.

Good luck!



<b>OPENING</b> A group of explorers want to discover and explore the Antarctica – following the legacy of the professor.		
<b>BUILD UP</b> One explorer decides that they want to head in a different direction but assure the group that they know the way and the weather is fine.		
<b>DILEMMA</b> One explorer loses his/her way and ends up caught in a snowstorm.		
<b>EVENTS</b> The explorer spends a night outside. He is unsure of the direction he should take. He believes he sees the professor (who had died months before).		
<b>RESOLUTION / ENDINGS</b>		
<b>Happy Ending</b>	<b>Cliff Hanger</b>	<b>Sad/ Reflective</b>

Think of some words/phrases too...

Nouns (who)	Adjectives – what like?	Prepositions Where?	Fronted Adverbial when?
Verbs	Subordinate – why?		Fronted Adverbial (how)