

THE AMSTERDAM WRITERS STORY JUMP-STARTER

START HERE, THEN START YOUR OWN!

Directions: Create a story synopsis from left to right, feeling free to scramble vertically as you go, then write the entire story.

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gorgeous	hitchhiker	goes in search of	nirvana	joins the mafia
melancholic	schoolteacher	finds	hidden treasure	turns to drink
thrifty	film producer	wins	an Oscar	becomes an ice-skater
uncoordinated	con artist	battles	dark forces	turns to embroidery
selfish	CEO	thwarts	a takeover	gets struck by lightning
depressed	accountant	discovers	his/her voice	wins Eurovision
elderly	prince/ess	gets intimate with	a skeleton	ends up on YouTube
energetic	scuba diver	defeats	a piranha	gets eaten by a shark
jet-setting	spouse	discards	his/her inhibitions	gets imprisoned
horny	writer	invents	a masterpiece	gets crabs