



Module Five

Task: Crack open your story

This is a fun challenge for you. I want you to try and revisit your story with a whole new perspective. Try rewriting your story in one or more of the following ways, and see what you discover!

1. Change the perspective. If you've written in first person, try it in third.
2. Change the tense of the story. If you've written in past tense, try present tense.
3. Change the point of view of the story. Try telling the story from one of the other character's points of view, e.g. the pet dog.
4. Change the setting of your story. Maybe instead of woodland creatures you could use Australian animals, for example.
5. Edit out ALL the other characters other than the main character. See what happens!
6. Limit the time factor in your story. Instead of making it over a week, make it over a day.
7. Try implementing a natural structure, like the seasons, times of day, mealtimes, days of the week.
8. Substitute characters. If your character is a human, try turning them into an animal and see what happens!
9. Increase the stakes by making the goal more important.

