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Short story writing

*(guided
composition)*



What is a short story?

A short story is a brief narrative, a work of fiction or imagination that can be read in one sitting. It generally has a single episode, incident, situation or theme and a few characters.

What is short story writing????

Short story writing tells a story.



It can be real or make believe.



It has a beginning, a middle, and an end.



Short story writing has characters.



Short story writing has a setting.



What are the components of writing a short story?

- a) Theme-the main idea in the story (central message)*
- b) Characters-one main and a few others*
- c) Where does it happen ? (situation /events)*
- d) How they happen*
- e) A twist / a problem*
- f) Solution to the problem*

Steps to write a short story:

a) Introduce the main character through an incident/event.

b) Describe the event with the main character's participation in it.

c) Include a twist in the story/ unexpected turn of events.

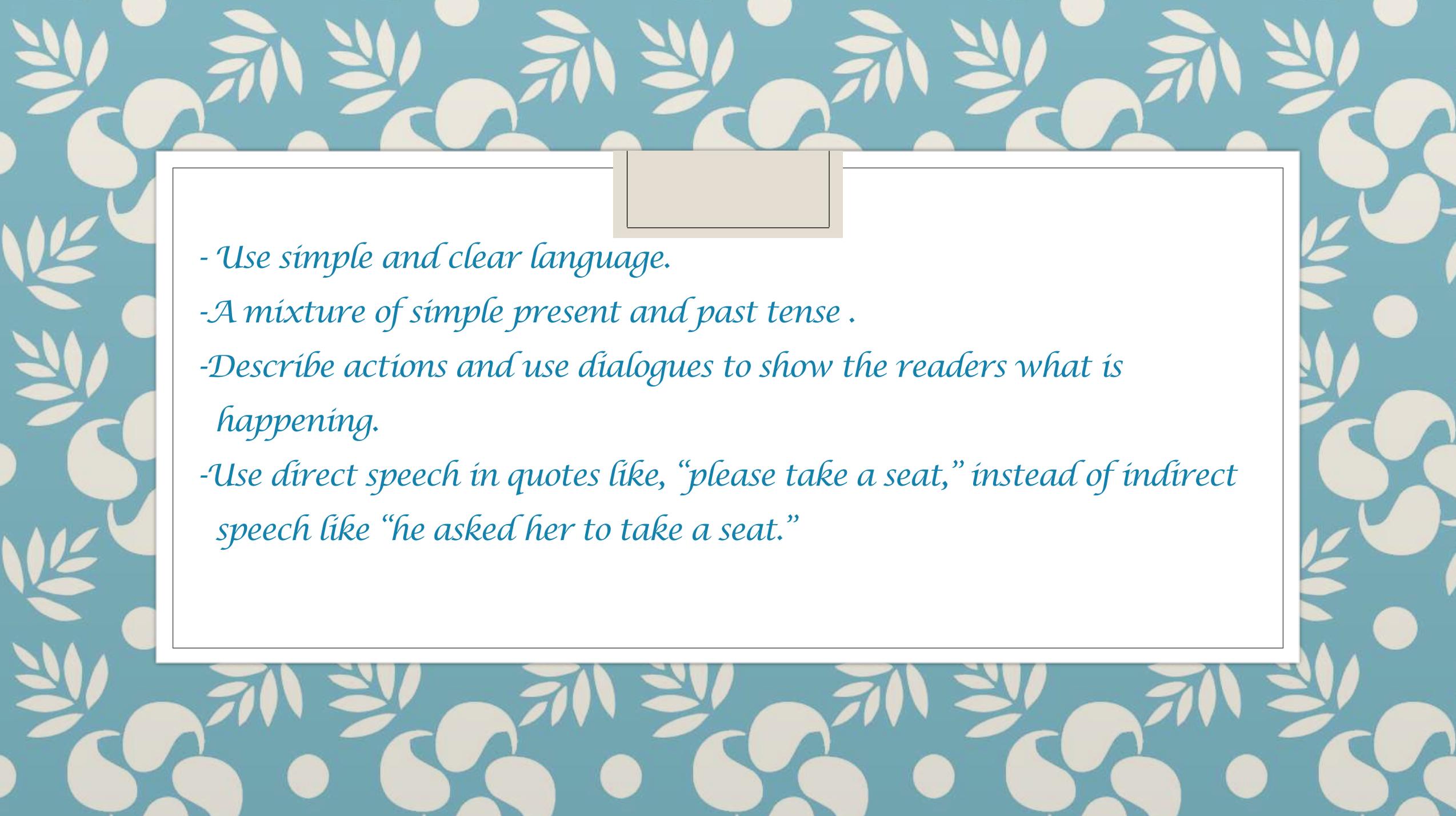
d) The main character may face a choice .

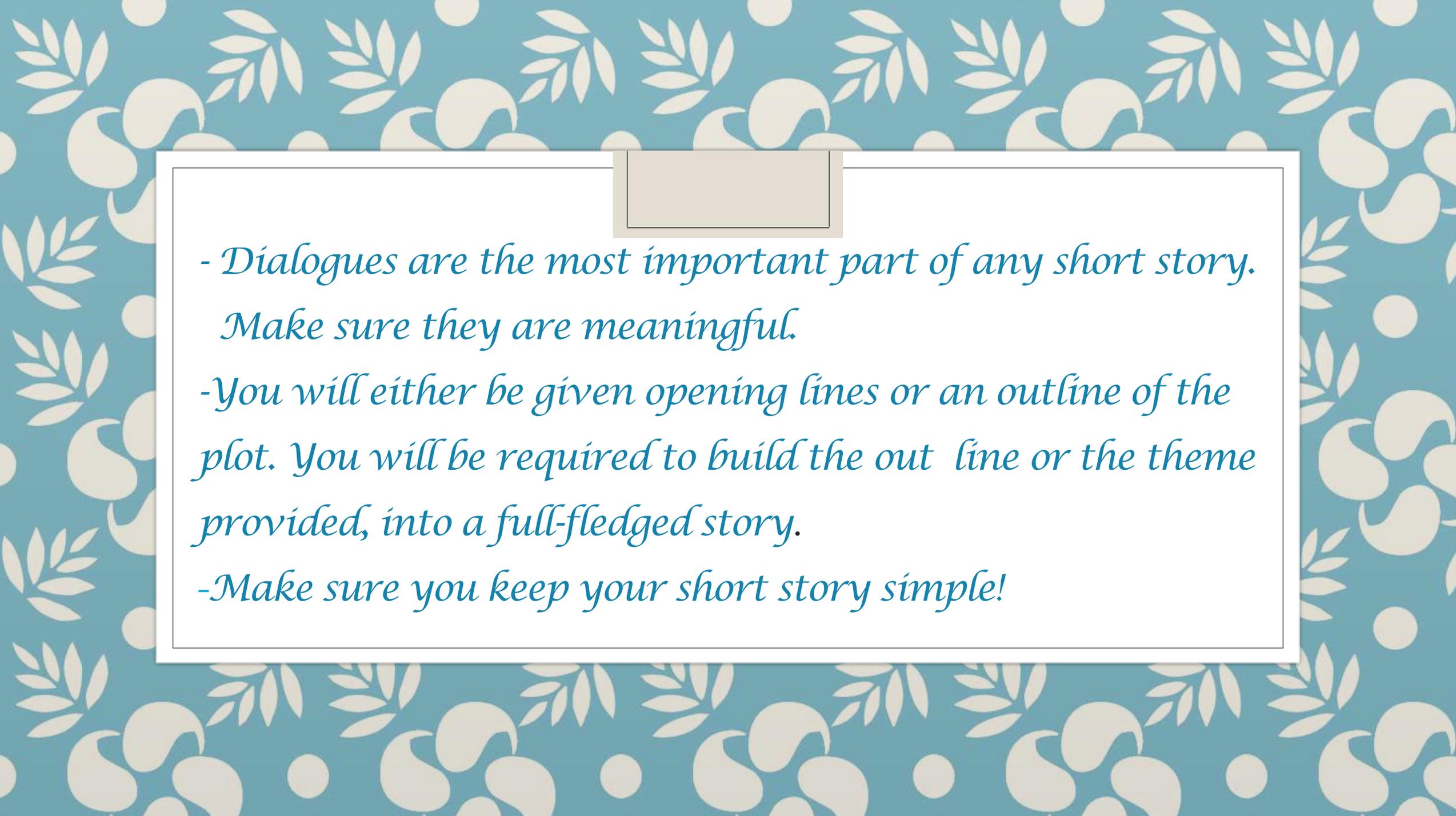
e) Result of his action.

f) Conclusion

*What sort of a
language do we use?*



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- *Use simple and clear language.*
 - *A mixture of simple present and past tense .*
 - *Describe actions and use dialogues to show the readers what is happening.*
 - *Use direct speech in quotes like, “please take a seat,” instead of indirect speech like “he asked her to take a seat.”*

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- *Dialogues are the most important part of any short story. Make sure they are meaningful.*
 - *You will either be given opening lines or an outline of the plot. You will be required to build the outline or the theme provided, into a full-fledged story.*
 - *Make sure you keep your short story simple!*

Character Who?



◦ *Problem*

- *What's the problem in the story?*

Setting where and when ?



Plot: *beginning middle end*

◦ *Solution*

- *How is the problem solved?*





*Thank you
meet you
again!*