

How To Write A Shrunken Story

1. Write the title of the novel vertically in a line.
2. Using the letters of the title, tell what the story was about.
3. Write in complete sentences. Sentences may begin and end in the middle of lines.
4. Be careful of the following:
 - ▲ keep in the same tense
 - ▲ tell the important events of the **whole** story
 - ▲ choose your words wisely
 - ▲ use correct conventions of writing

To Build a Fire

To walk in the Yukon at -50 degrees is one thing; but at -75 degrees
One must always have a companion. That is what the old timer at Sulphur Creek told
him. Ignoring this advice, a young man and his dog

Bound down the Yukon Trail in search of logging possibilities before he meets
Up with the boys at camp at 6:00 p.m. At the Forks he stops for lunch and
Ingests his biscuit and bacon after building a fire to warm his frozen face.
Lazily, he enjoys his pipe before moving on to his
Destination. All the time he is scanning the snow in search of dangerous underground
springs.

Suddenly, when he least suspects, he breaks through thin ice. Knowing he must
dry his feet, he starts

A fire under a spruce tree. However, his lack of forethought creates a disaster when
snow from the burdened boughs

Falls and snuffs out the fire. With numb fingers he tries to use his matches but burns his
hands before

Igniting another fire, one that is quickly extinguished by his clumsiness. After he
Realizes he is unable to kill the dog for warmth, panic seizes him and sends him
running in a futile attempt at survival. Facing the inevitable

End, he drifts into a peaceful sleep, and the dog, smelling death, instinctively heads
toward other providers of food and fire.