



Premise

Both fiction and non-fiction texts contain a premise. In fiction, a premise supports the plot of the story. In non-fiction, a premise supports the information that is being presented. A premise can be conveyed in a single sentence. It is a succinct expression of the main idea of the text.

A premise does not actually appear in the final text. It is not an introduction or an introductory paragraph. You write a premise to help you, the writer, get a firm idea of what it is you are writing about, and what you want that writing to accomplish.

Examples:

- **A novel:** A young man who is struggling and all alone in the world takes a part-time job in a nursing home. There, through his interactions with some of home's quirkiest residents, he learns that life is all what you make of it.
- **A movie:** A brother and a sister are orphaned and live in a foster home. When they secretly adopt a dog who is living on the streets, they soon find themselves caring for a whole pack of strays for whom they are willing to risk everything.

DIRECTIONS: Read the assigned text. Write its premise on the lines.
