

PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest Checklist

Word Count

Word count includes “a,” “an,” and “the” in your story, but not words on non-story pages such as the title page or the words included in an illustration.

- If you are in **kindergarten or first grade**, your story needs to be **at least 50 words but no more than 200**.
- If you are in **second or third grade**, your story needs to be **at least 100 words but no more than 350**.

Illustrations

- Does your story include **at least five** original, clear and colorful illustrations?

Format

Format refers to how your story is set up.

- Are your story and accompanying illustrations on one side of the paper?
- Have you numbered the back of each page? The back of each page must be blank EXCEPT for the page number.

Entry Form

Entry forms can be downloaded from the KEDT Kids website at www.kedtkids.org or the PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest site at pbskids.org/read

- Is the entry form filled out and does it have your **parent’s and teachers’ signatures** and the **name of your school**? (teacher’s signature not necessary if child’s entry is not part of classwork)