

Day 1 Monday

Learning Objective

To investigate different types of endings.

Starter

Apostrophes are used for possession
and contraction

- Which sentence has the correct apostrophe for contraction?
- Shes' very tired
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Starter - Answer

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By the end of this week, you will write an alternative ending of Iron Man (it needs to be interesting and effective).

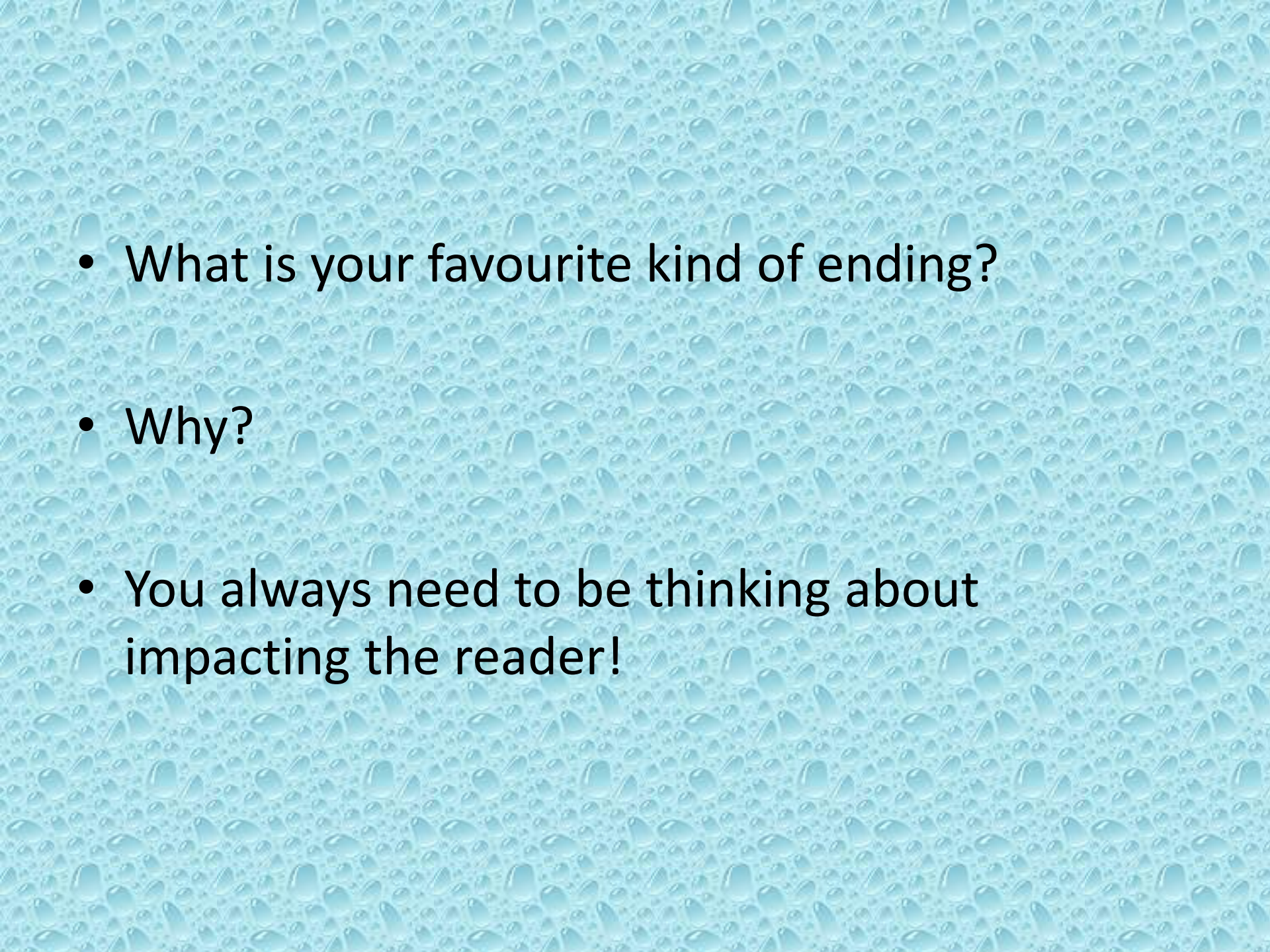
Are these good and effective endings?

- And they all lived happily ever after.

NO!!!

- I woke up and it was all a dream.

- They went home and had their tea.

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- What is your favourite kind of ending?
 - Why?
 - You always need to be thinking about impacting the reader!

Happy Endings

You can still have a happy ending. Just don't make it boring!

Happy endings are where everything works out e.g. Your character gets home safely, your alien friend gets to go home to their planet, the robot gets fixed and works normally again.

Twists/Shock factor

You could make something unexpected happen.

Surprise the reader with something out of the blue e.g. The person you thought was an alien is in fact human but someone else is an alien, the robot can't be switched off and robots take over the world...

Cliffhanger

Keep you reader on the edge of their seat by leaving the ending open.

E.g. We put the robot back in the garage, safely switched off. However, late at night, its evil red eyes flickered back on...

Narrator addresses the reader directly
Moral/reflective/summary/thoughts

- eg. giving them a piece of **advice** arising from your story, making them feel included. Is there a moral you want to pass on?

Mystery ending

- eg. something that is unresolved so the reader has something to think about when they have finished reading.

Now there are 3 endings in the next 3
slides and think about which is your
favourite and why

1) Kate has been hiding from a zombie apocalypse.

- Now, Kate had been in the hideaway for fourteen days. She was scared and felt lonely. The outside world sounded cold and empty from within the warehouse.

She wondered how many of the horrid creatures lingered outside smelling out the remains of human blood.

Stepping into the light, her eye dilated. She looked around. She looked down. She could not believe it. She was one of them.

- 2) Kate ran until her feet could not carry her any more. She ached and thought back to a happier time, the last time she had seen her brother, they had talked over coffee and enjoyed each others' company.

The apocalypse had taken a great toll on her and her body no longer felt human. She decided enough was enough and threw open the steel door.

CRASH. Without fail Kate ran. It was only a matter of time

- The creature grasped its gnarling claws at her arm. She was tired of fighting.

Her body wanted her to stop. Her mind urged, *go on, just a little further, Kate.*

She ran.

The pain was incredible. The pursuit felt infinite.

She turned a corner and she saw him. He was infected, too.

Kate stumbled.

Which?

- What is your favourite kind of ending?
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However you choose to end your end story, make it interesting.

Make sure you tie up loose ends and don't use any of the banned endings!

Don't

- Try to wrap up your story too quickly
- Read it through check it all makes sense
- Avoid the 'trick ending' : "He woke up and it was all a dream."

TASK-What type of endings are these?

- 1. Everyone sat around eating chips happily. It had been a very eventful day. The car now sat in the driveway and dad looked content as he peered out of the window. The cases still sat in the hallway and the family dog was in the local kennels. They would collect him in the morning. For now though, they were grateful to be back at home safe and sound.
- 2. “We’ve got to hurry or we won’t get back in time!” Gary exclaimed frantically.

Jane looked at her watch nervously and tried to run. She had very bad asthma though and soon began to puff and pant. Gary stopped and stood next to her, there was nothing either of them could do. They would just have to hope that they got back before the Roberts returned.

Luckily they arrived back just in time. As they hurried to take off their coats and shoes, they heard the key turn in the lock. They were safe and no one would ever know what they had been up to.
- 3. Finally, some peace and quiet. The party food had been cleared away, the music turned off and everyone had gone home. Sandra felt exhausted, as she went upstairs to bed. Soon the sound of heavy sleeping could be heard throughout the otherwise silent house.
- 4. Exhausted Paul slumped to the floor and took deep breaths. He had never run so fast in all his life. He could see the other contestants coming towards the finish line, but he had won. He would never forget that cheer. Finally, he had won something!
- 5. It wasn’t that far to the next bus stop; it just seemed like a very long way. Lucy and Cai didn’t particularly like walking, and the heavy rain and strong wind made it very hard. Still it was the end of a long adventure and they would be home, warm and dry very soon.

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Task continued

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- 6. “I wish I’d stayed in bed today,” groaned Jasmine, “Everything seems to have gone wrong.”
“It could have been worse,” dad said with a mischievous grin.
Jasmine hung her head; she didn’t think so, as she hobbled along the hallway with her broken leg.
- 7. The clouds drew in, almost enveloping them as they walked. It was dusk now and the eerie sounds of night creatures filled the damp air. As they trudged on, ever upwards they felt as if they would never reach the summit. Yet several minutes later, they were stood there – they had made it at last.
- 8. Somewhere far away, smoke wafted from the chimneys. The town slumbered as though nothing had ever happened. All was right with the world as the sun set on the eventful day.
- 9. A new day had broken and washed away all the troubles of the last few weeks. Matthew sighed and looked out at the beautiful wintry white snow. It had begun to melt now and spring would soon be here. “How lucky I am?” he thought.
- 10. Tomorrow was her birthday and she really wished that today hadn’t happened. She was supposed to have a party, but she wasn’t sure if it would happen now. She would just have to wait and see.