A good story should grab your reader's attention from the very first line. This doesn't mean you have to start with a huge explosion—although you can if you want to!

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DESCRIPTION

Introduce characters and the setting of your story

ACTION

Throw your readers into the middle of an exciting event

DIALOGUE

Let the reader hear the characters' voices AN
INTRIGUING
QUESTION OR
STATEMENT

'Beware of the mouse
—that's what the sign
on the gate said.'

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