



# Flashback story

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**These stories are not always easy to write but you have watched a flashback so many times in so many films.**



You are now going to watch a famous flashback scene. Click the link below:

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElhbTsKsros>

# Now watch the link again:

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- **Can you see when the flashback begins?**
- **Can you see how the flashback is in the past tense?**
- **Can you see when the flashback ends?**
- **Now have a read at my WAGOLL on the next slide – I have kept with the theme of toys to make it easier for you.**

# Moving on

I can see her from my window. In her bedroom beautifying herself and getting ready to go out. I can't help but think back to how different things used to be between us, just a few years ago. She was my best friend. But not anymore. I remembered the first day I met her, when she burst in to my world like a ray of sunshine exclaiming, "We will be best friends forever!" A promise she failed to keep....

At first we did everything together - went shopping, ate in restaurants, went for drives in the car, and every year she insisted I went on holiday with her and her family. Always to a beach. I never told her but I hated the way the sand never seemed to wash out of my hair.

I don't know exactly when we started to drift apart. Her visits dwindled and I saw her less and less. She has a new friend now, called Sarah, who is beginning to take my place. I met Sarah once, briefly,, and she laughed at me. I looked at my best friend and could see how embarrassed she was with me. I knew then our time was over.

She is still fixing her hair, music blaring through the open window. Suddenly, her bedroom door opens. "Turn that music down Lucy!" her mum yells. "Have you decided what things you are giving to the charity shop yet? I'm going now!" She looked over - directly at me. "Yeah mum, I think the doll's house and Barbie can go." And my world went black as the plastic bag was placed over my home.

# Now it is your turn:

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- **Can you write the Toy Story 2 film clip as a short flashback story?**
- **Ensure that you start in the present tense. Use ellipsis at the end of the first paragraph.**
- **Then go into the past tense.**
- **Finally, come back to the present tense for the end of the story.**

**You are all fabulous writers! Be a writer. Plan, draft, check the success criteria list, redraft and then you have a great piece of writing.**

# Success criteria for a flashback story

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- I have used the present tense in my opening paragraph
- I have used the past tense to tell the flashback part of my story
- I have used the present tense to show the reader my flashback part is over
- I have used powerful verbs, adverbs and adjectives
- I have used reference to my senses e.g. touch, smell, taste
- I have used something that happened in the past that shows now e.g. a fear of going into a box again
- I have used lots of language showing emotions and feelings
- I have used perfect speech punctuation – using a range of synonyms for said e.g. whispered, muttered, groaned...
- I have used a range of punctuation ! ? ( ) ; , .