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The Scene Writing Guide for 2026

Write scenes that move your story. This guide covers the eight scene types, the four elements of a well-written scene, how to write good scene context and a page to plan your next scene.

The eight scene types

Scene type	Its job in the story
Opening Scene	Hook the reader with a vivid moment and a question
Confrontation	Characters clash and the story turns
Emotional Moment	A feeling breaks through, shown with restraint
Action Sequence	Fast, clear and physical, with real stakes
Dialogue Heavy	Conversation carries the scene and its subtext
Description / Setting	The place and its atmosphere, through the senses
Plot Reveal	A truth comes out and changes the story
Climax	Everything comes to a head

Four elements of a well-written scene

1. **Setting and atmosphere.** Show the place through what the characters notice and move through.
2. **Character voice.** Each character sounds, thinks and reacts in a different way.
3. **Pacing and tension.** Short sentences for action, longer ones for reflection.
4. **Sensory details.** Pick the smells, sounds and textures that serve the mood.

Write good scene context

1. **Name the characters.** Give their names, ages and how they know each other.
2. **Say what came before.** One or two sentences on what just happened.
3. **Give the scene a job.** What must change by the end of it?
4. **Add one detail.** A place, an object or a secret makes the scene yours.

Example context

Settings: Fantasy, Confrontation, 2 Characters, Dark.

Context: Mara, a young apprentice cartographer, confronts her mentor Old Tobin after finding out he sold the village's only map of the mountain pass to raiders. She trusted him like a father.

Plan your next scene

Fill this in, then paste it into the Scene Generator as your scene context.

The characters in the scene and how they know each other

What happened just before

The genre, scene type, mood and what must change

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