

SHORT STORY 8th and 9th grades

A short story is a brief fictional prose narrative that is shorter than a novel and that usually deals with only a few characters.

The short story is usually concerned with a single effect conveyed in only one or a few significant episodes or scenes. The form encourages economy of setting, concise narrative, and the omission of a complex plot; character is disclosed in action and dramatic encounter but is seldom fully developed. Despite its relatively limited scope, though, a short story is often judged by its ability to provide a “complete” or satisfying treatment of its characters and subject.

(Source: <https://www.britannica.com/art/short-story>)

Examples:

[About Barbers - Mark Twain](#)

[The Happy Family - Hans Andersen](#)

[The Tale of Peter Rabbit - Beatrix Potter](#)

Write a *short story* about the theme Reading the World. Read the examples above and refer to experience you’ve had as a reader of short stories both in English and Portuguese. They may help you with ideas concerning content, language and organization. Your text should be in English and no longer than three pages. Use font Arial size 11 and have 1.5 spacing between the lines.

The assessors will consider the following aspects of the text:

Marking Scheme		
Criteria	Score	Description
Content	2,5	Does the candidate fulfill the task? Have they done what they were asked to do?



Communicative Achievement	2,5	Does the candidate use a writing style which is appropriate for the genre? Does the story present significant episodes narrated in a concise way? Do the setting, the characters and the action provide a satisfactory development to the plot?
Language	2,5	Is there a good range of vocabulary and grammar structures? Are they used accurately? Or are there mistakes that could make the text difficult or confusing for the reader?
Organisation	2,5	Is the writing put together well? Or is it difficult for the reader to follow? Does the story display a plot involving characters, a setting, a timeline and a conflict?

