

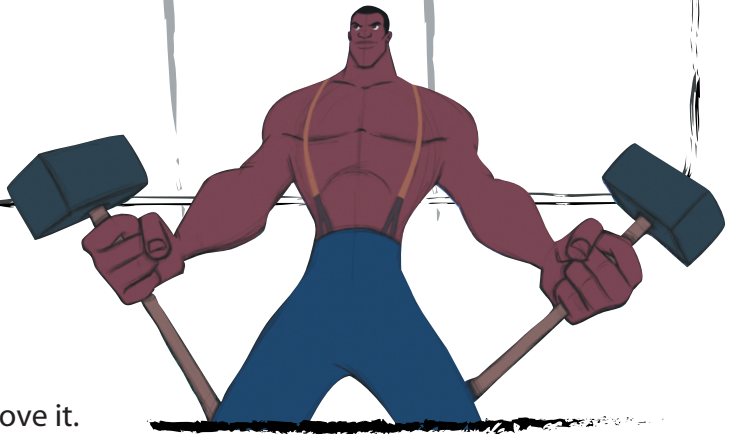
Write Your Own Tall Tale

A tall tale is an outrageous story with a larger-than-life hero who uses special skills to overcome an obstacle or solve a problem. Tall tales take you on an action-packed thrill ride, and always include lots of descriptive details and humorous elements. Most important of all, in a tall tale everything is exaggerated.

1. Prewriting

Brainstorm ideas for your own tall tale and write them down in the chart. Be sure to exaggerate and add plenty of details. Include ideas for humorous events and elements.

		Exaggerations	Funny Stuff
Character Who is the hero of your story?	What special traits or skills does he or she possess?		
Setting Where does your tall tale take place?	What does the place look like? How did your hero end up there?		
Plot What problem does your hero have to solve? What obstacles does he or she have to overcome?	How does your hero solve the problem or overcome the obstacle? What adventures does your hero have along the way?		



2. Writing

On a separate sheet of paper, write your first draft.

3. Revising

Read your tall tale aloud and think about ways to improve it. Add descriptive details.

Check for correct grammar, punctuation, and capitalization.

Share your story with a friend or parent, and ask for advice.