



Step 2: Sizzling Starts Self-Assessment

Look at each 'I can ...' statement and think about how you are doing. Tick the box that best describes your progress. You may have mastered some things, but there may be other things that you need more help with.

| I can ... | ☺ | ☺☺ | ☺☺☺ |
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| start with action or at a moment of change to throw the reader into the most interesting part of the story | | | |
| start with a sound to grab the reader's attention and signal action | | | |
| start with humour – laughter will engage the reader and make them want to know more | | | |
| start with dialogue to reveal information and make the reader curious | | | |
| start with a question that establishes a connection with the reader | | | |
| start by painting a word picture to engage the reader's senses | | | |
| add backfill to orient the reader. | | | |

Comments:
