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Asylum Seekers and Refugees

CREATING YOUR OWN STORY

- 1. Choose one of the countries/groups of people from the 'African Refugee Crisis' (page 28) or 'Statelessness' (page 34) pages.
- 2. Imagine you are an asylum seeker fleeing from one of these countries and attempting to make your way to Australia.
- 3. You are going to write a short story, including the following four stages:
 - a. Your life in the home country (Orientation)
 - b. Fleeing your home country (Complication)
 - c. Your asylum journey (Use the 'How do asylum seekers arrive in Australia?'(page 25) page to help you.) (Complication continued)
 - d. Arrival in Australian territory/waters. (Resolution)

The Short story structure and editing guide will help you to brainstorm ideas and structure your writing.

Your story should be action packed and should show the emotions you are feeling as an asylum seeker.

Alternatively, you could structure your story as a series of diary entries, with each stage being a separate entry. If you choose to do this, the Diary structure and editing guide will help you structure your writing.