

250 Stories

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Andrew had to write 20 stories every month. He had been working on it for a little more than a year. He had finally reached 250 stories, which was a big and cool number. He was very excited and ready to celebrate. There would be cake and music and all sorts of fun. Then he could rest his weary fingers for a week and give the keyboard a break.



In a year he'd written all kinds of stories. He'd written stories of all sorts, like fantasy, humor, social studies, science, cultural stories, and fables. Some stories had come to him as a silly idea, while others had been versions of things he'd seen or experienced. He'd written them for young kids and middle school kids. Adults had even read and enjoyed a few of them.

Then there were the fans. People all over the internet had started emailing and sending letters of support and encouragement. He was so excited to finally give them story number 250. He was ready to share, and with a few more keystrokes, it would be ready.

He reread his words, fixed the margins, and checked the questions carefully. It looked good. What about the illustration? Was there a better one, or could it be better positioned elsewhere on the page? No, that looked fine. It was done; it was finally done.

Andrew laughed and added this latest story to the list and sent it in with this batch to the wizards at HaveFunTeaching.com, who passed them off to the internet-working monkeys who would place them on the website. It was somewhat magical really, how the touch of a button sent the stories off, and they appeared days later on the internet. But why worry about that? He'd just finished number 250!

Wait... Hold the presses. Stop the celebration. Was this really number 250? He did a recount. His mouth went dry. His eyes bulged in disbelief. No, it was number 249! All of that excitement, and he still had one more to go. He groaned and slapped his forehead in shock and confusion.

Well, that just goes to show, he was a writer, not an accountant. So, the next one would be the big number. Then he'd have to celebrate again in another year or so when he hit big number 500.



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 - B. He's a comedian.
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 - D. He's a magician.

2. Why is Andrew excited?
 - A. He's done writing.
 - B. He's just finished story number 250.
 - C. He's finished a hard chapter.
 - D. He's gotten another fan mail letter.

3. Which of these is NOT one of the styles of stories Andrew has written?
 - A. science
 - B. fables
 - C. romance
 - D. social studies

4. How does Andrew likely NOT feel when he figured out he'd miscounted?
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