

# ZIPTALES

## Worksheet 1

# Welcome to Fairyland

## Great Beginnings

**1.** Re-read the very first part of this story — down to where it says "*Don't read it till you're alone,*" warned the little man. Do you like this beginning? Does it make you want to keep reading? Explain why.

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**2.** You are going to write your own exciting beginning. So let's do a **plan** to get some ideas. You are going to choose two things:

**a)** A character \_\_\_\_\_

**b)** A setting \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** Answer the following questions about your **character**:

How does your character look? \_\_\_\_\_

How does it speak? \_\_\_\_\_

What is it wearing? \_\_\_\_\_

Does it have any unusual features? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your character saying? \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** List some intriguing things about your **setting**:

Is it a **real** or **imaginary** place? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it a small, busy space or a wide open area? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it a shop or building of some sort? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there something special/unusual about it? \_\_\_\_\_

Now use your collected information to write a paragraph or two that would make a great beginning! (If you like it, keep writing to make a great story!)