STORY STARTERS

Easter is almost here. Try your hand at writing an exciting Easter story - Just carry on from where one of these ten terrific first paragraphs leaves off!

ONE

Maisie jumped out of bed, excitedly. Today was Easter Sunday, and her Mum and Dad had promised to get her a special egg this year. An egg that wasn't made out of chocolate. Rushing downstairs, she pushed open the kitchen door and froze. There, sitting on the table, was a huge egg made entirely out of...

TWO

Ben couldn't sleep. All day, he'd been working on the best Easter present he'd ever made for his Grandma, and he couldn't wait for her to open it. He looked over at the beautifully wrapped parcel sitting on the shelf, hardly able to believe that beneath the pink paper and yellow ribbons was a...

THREE

"Hello?" called Miss Potts as she knocked on the door of the head teacher's office for the third time. "Are you in there, Mr West? My class has made you a special Easter card and I'm here to deliver it." There was still no reply, so Miss Potts opened he door, walked into the office – and screamed! Mr West was...

FOUR

Sarah was playing her favourite video game when someone knocked on her bedroom window. Curious, she opened the curtains – and couldn't believe her eyes!

Standing outside in the wind and rain was a giant blue rabbit holding a basket of chocolate eggs. "Let me in!" the bunny cried. "I need your help to find...

FIVE

The school dinner ladies slid the freshly-baked cookies from the oven and set them on the counter to cool. This was going to be the funniest Easter ever. All the teachers and pupils would take one of the cookies – especially as they were free – and would bite into the tasty treats not knowing they contained...

SIX

Rain pattered down on the hood of the lollipop-lady's raincoat as she stood patiently at the side of the road, waiting for the school bell. Parents were arriving to collect their children for the end of the week, and the start of the Easter holidays. Then, when everyone had gone home, the lollipop-lady was going to...

SEVEN

Lucy lifted the huge chocolate egg from its box and smiled. It looked delicious, and she couldn't wait to eat it. Of course, her mum said she couldn't devour it all at once. Instead, she had to break it into pieces and just have a little bit of chocolate at a time. So, Lucy broke open the egg – and stared. Inside it there was...

EIGHT

"Special delivery!" said the postman as he handed over the strangelooking parcel. Peter closed the door and was about to call his dad when he noticed the package was addressed just to him. It was wrapped in old newspaper and felt very heavy. He shook it, then jumped as an unusual voice came from inside, shouting... "

NINE

Mr Green, the head teacher, smiled as the pupils from year one paraded past him, each wearing the Easter bonnet they had made in class. Some of the hats were covered in paper flowers, while others were painted in bright colours. It would be a tough contest to judge. Then, he saw that Harry was wearing a huge...

TEN

Misty dashed through the cat-flap, her tail twitching. She didn't know exactly what the children were doing in the garden; they seemed to be hunting for coloured eggs their parents had hidden earlier that day. Very strange. But not as strange as the tiny creature she'd seen stealing the eggs for itself. It looked like...