**Great Ways to Start a Story**

* **With a question**

What could be scarier than spending a night in a haunted house?

* **With dialogue**

“I dare you to stay in there past midnight,” my brother said.

* **With an interesting fact**

According to surveys, half of all adults believe in the supernatural and one person in ten claims to have seen a ghost.

* **With a strong opinion or feeling**

There’s no such thing as ghosts!

* **With a single work or sentence fragment**

Me? Scared?

* **With something that leaves the reader wondering**

There was a sound in the basement, and I knew it wasn’t just a mouse.