

# THE BIG SHORT

It's time for our annual  
extra-short story competition



## THE RN&R'S 95-WORD FICTION CONTEST

*Write a miniature story that's exactly 95 words long.*

Here's an example:

Lisa Lautner loved bananas. As a child, she loved bananas so much that her father called her "little monkey" and made silly monkey sounds. As an adult, Lisa once dropped a peel on a hiking trail.

"Lisa, don't litter!" her friend said. "Besides, isn't that a safety hazard?"

"Ridiculous. Nobody slips on bananas. That only happens in cartoons."

Lisa said this in front of her toddler, and later, when she inevitably slipped on a peel at the top of the stairs, as she tumbled, she could hear her father's gentle mocking: "ooh, ooh, ah, ah!"



**We want exactly 95 words,**

as counted by LibreOffice, Google Docs or Microsoft Word.

**Email submissions to [contest@newsreview.com](mailto:contest@newsreview.com)**

with the subject line "Fiction 2020." Put each story in the body of

an email because we won't open attachments.

We require the author's name, email address and phone number listed above each story.

(That stuff won't affect toward word count, and will be removed before judging.) Titles are acceptable, without affecting word count, but not required.

**Stories must be received before  
9 a.m. on Jan. 15, 2020.**

**We'll publish the best stories.**

Stuck for inspiration? Check out last year's winners here: [www.newsreview.com/reno/literary-shorts/content?oid=27624441](http://www.newsreview.com/reno/literary-shorts/content?oid=27624441)