

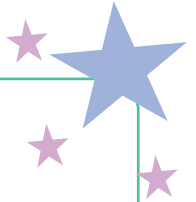
Reimagine your world

Playful storytelling at home

Creating stories together can be fun and relaxing. It also helps develop language skills.

Have a go at creating your own story using our story starter below. You can write or draw your ideas. You can decide which door you're opening and what's behind it: is there a tiny alien behind your kitchen door? A dancing elephant in your bedroom? Or a mysterious box on your doorstep? Let your imagination go wild!

"It was just a normal morning, until I opened my door and saw..."



Develop your story with the help of these questions.

- How did you feel?
- What did you do next?



Now have a go at telling your story to someone.

Storytelling games to play at home

Try out these storytelling games at home with a family member or friend.

Story-making with words

This is a game for creating stories out of thin air! You'll need at least two people to play. One person starts the story by making up a sentence. Each person then adds a sentence of their own to continue the story. You can also try telling the story with one word, two words or three words at a time.

Story-making with objects

Collect 6-8 random small objects in a box or bag. You'll use these to create a story. You can use anything: a teddy, a coin, a fork. Take it in turns to take an object out, without looking and use it to make up a story together. For example, if you take out a teddy, you could say "Once upon a time there was a tiny bear who..." Then, take out another object, and use it to work out what happens next. "Once upon a time there was a tiny bear who found a shiny, gold coin. He picked it up and..." Continue until you've used all the objects!

Storytelling with real stories

Ask a friend or family member to tell you a story about their life. You can ask them questions like: "What was the naughtiest thing you did when you were a child?" "What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?" Then, tell the story to someone else. See if you can add in extra bits to make it more dramatic: can you add details that aren't true?