

A story in three steps

A five-minute storytelling activity for an adult and child. Invent a story together. Your child can speak, draw, act or write. You need only a pencil and this sheet.

Choose your ingredients

Character: a curious fox / a tiny robot / your own idea

Place: a windy beach / a quiet library / your own idea

Small problem: a missing hat / a stuck door / your own idea

1. Beginning: who and where?

Try: "One day, ____ was in ____." Tell or draw the opening.

2. Middle: what went wrong?

Try: "But then ____." What did the character try first?

3. Ending: what changed?

Try: "In the end ____." How was the small problem solved?

Tell it again

Retell the whole story. Ask: "Which bit would you like to add to?"

An adult can write down one sentence exactly as your child says it.

Make it fit: offer two choices if starting feels tricky. Older children can explain why a first attempt failed or invent a different ending. Keep it playful; a spoken story counts, and spelling is not the focus.
