

Story Making

Activity 5: Make Your Own Story!

Puppets can be used to tell stories about all kinds of things!

Everybody has a story to tell. Today, imagine **you** are the storyteller. All stories have a **beginning**, **middle** and an **end**. Let's begin at ...

The beginning

How will you begin your story? Here are some ideas. You could start by saying:

- Once upon a time ...**
- In the dreamtime...**
- Once on the far side of yesterday...**

Choose your beginning then set off on your journey. E.g. ***once on the far side of yesterday lived a girl called Cinderella***

The middle

In the middle part of your story you need:

- Some characters** (*A giggly stepmother, 2 ugly brothers, a singing prince*)
- A place or 'setting'** (*She lived and worked in a bookshop...*)
- Imaginary objects** (*An e-mail, a parsnip and a Hoover*)
- An event or happening** (*A disco or supermarket opening*)
- Some Magic!** (*Six poodles become six footmen, a washing machine becomes a carriage*)
- A task or problem to solve** (*Whose foot fits the platform shoe?*)

The end

The end is a very important part of a story. Will Cinderella meet the prince and live happily ever after? Or does she open the *Glass Slipper* shoe shop? How will your story end?

- ...and that was the end of that!**
- ...snip snout my story's out**

Use the, **Your Story! *What happens next?*** Sheet, (over page) to plan your own version of this famous story. Try using all the suggestions above to create the **beginning**, **middle** and **end** of your story.

Your Story! *What happens next?*

Try telling **your** story by thinking about *what happens next?* For example:

One day the king sends an e-mail to a disco.

What happens next?







Cinderella wants to go but has nothing to wear.

Her fairy godmother appears.

What happens next?

Draw or write your ideas in the boxes below

The beginning...

1. The place...	2. The characters...	3. The objects...
		
?	?	?
4. The event...	5. The magic...	6. The solution...
		
?	?	?

The ending...