

It's time to tell stories. Making up stories is a great way to have fun, spend time together, and build literacy skills. Here are 15 story starters to spark your child's imagination. Try a different one each day. You might take turns being the storyteller and the listener. Listening leads to lots of learning too!

- Try telling stories as you eat a meal or go for a walk. Bedtime can be a great time for stories, too. You might also tell stories in the car or on the bus.
- Sometimes kids have an easier time telling stories as they play with toys or as they draw. It can help spark imagination.
- You might pass a story back and forth; you can start it and then your child can add on.
- If your child gets stuck, try asking questions like: What happened next? What will the character do now?
- You might start a story and finish it later. And it's okay if a story is short.
- Try writing down or recording the stories your child tells. It's a great way to show your child just how important their ideas are!



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These four friends turn into superheroes while everyone is sleeping! Make up a story about one of their adventures.



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Tell about a time you lost something special and then found it.



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Tell a story about a class pet that followed you home one day.



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Tell a story about the day a bunch of elephants showed up at your home for dinner.



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Make up a story about a little dog looking a friend in a new place.



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Tell a story about looking for a treasure and then finding it in a very silly place.



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Tell a story about finding a magical key. Where does it take you? What do you do there?

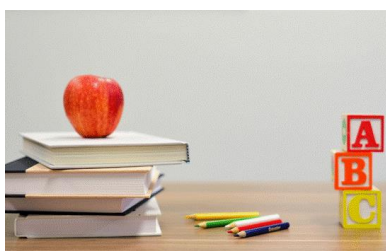


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Tell a story about the day YOU got to be the teacher. And then... something went wrong.



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Tell a story about getting to join your favorite sports team for a day.

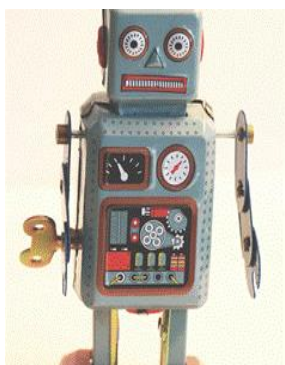


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Tell about a time you invented a robot but then it turned out to be a really MESSY robot.



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Tell a story about running an ice cream shop and discovering each time you make a cone, it slips out of your hand. Oh no. How will you fix the problem?



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Tell a story about finding a rocket ship on your roof. How did it get there?



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Tell a story about an animal that wanted to become a famous singer, and did!



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Tell a story about discovering a secret library under your bed.



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Tell a story about a day you woke up and discovered you could fly. But... not very well.