

The Power of Storytelling

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Storytelling



"Storytelling is the oldest form of education".

- Terry Tempest Williams

Story Warmers



Storytelling Superpowers



1 Motivation

2 Meaning

3 Fluency

4 Stimulus for S & W

5 Communication

Storytelling Preparation



*And the sun went down, and the
moon came up, and that was the
end of another day.*



My Story Bag



Can you ... ?



Jump



Swim



Hang
upside
down



Swing

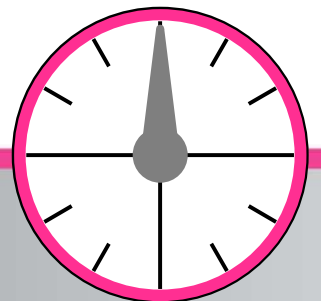
In the Jungle



The Jungle – Mapping the Story



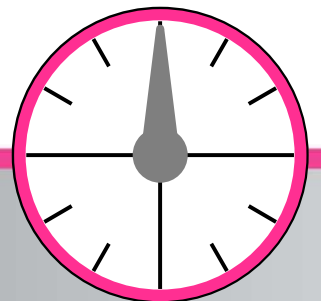
1. Listen to the story again
2. Map the story



The Jungle – Miming the Story



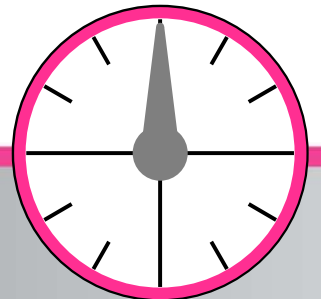
1. Act out the story in mime
2. No speaking!
3. Use physical expression only



The Jungle – Retelling the story



1. Decide who is going to be the storyteller and who is going to be the listener
2. Tell/listen to the story
3. Swap roles



Scottish traveller and best-known storyteller



-Duncan Williamson-

«Telling a child a story implants a seed in their mind, and you know when you are gone from this world that that child is going to tell the tale you told them, and remember you»

What do you think the story is about ?



witch – broom- cottage – hat - rocking chair –
sandwich – chimney sweep - soot



Storyteller, author



«Students want to hear stories and sometimes want to tell them... there is no better way of developing fluency, than storying. Fluency for me means being able to make use of all the language you've got with the purpose of communicating meanings.»

- Andrew Wright -

Teacher, Teacher Trainer & Author



«Story telling is a uniquely powerful linguistic and psychological technique in the hands of a language teacher which he or she can use with people of any culture ... and of people of virtually any age»

-Mario Rinvoluti-

Neuroscientist

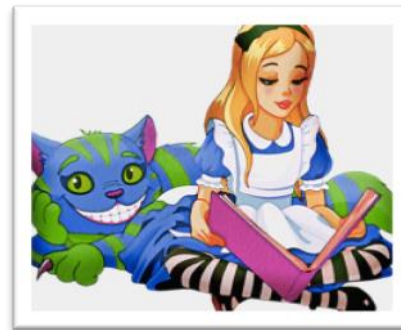


«The problem of how to make ... wisdom understandable, transmissible, persuasive, enforceable –in a word, of how to make it stick –was faced and a solution was found. Storytelling was the solution –storytelling is something brains do, naturally and implicitly ... [It] should be no surprise that it pervades the entire fabric of human societies and cultures.»

- Antonio Damasio -

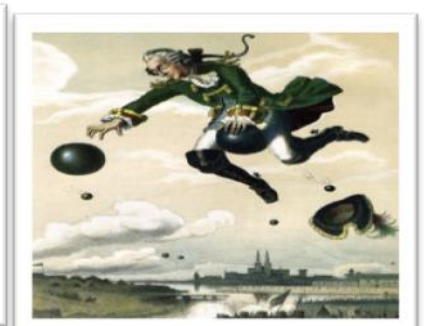
Ways of using stories

Before the story	Introducing the story
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Your preparation✓ Realia✓ Pictures✓ Word webs/cards✓ Mime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Ask questions✓ show an object from the story✓ Guessing & Predicting✓ Getting into story mood✓ Inviting personal response



Ways of using stories

During the story	After the story
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Listen and enjoy✓ Pictures in your mind✓ Inviting personal response✓ Interrupting the storyteller✓ Mime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Mapping the story✓ Jumbled pictures/sentences✓ Creating a poster✓ Re-telling the story✓ Tableaux





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Thank you



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