

16. Write your own Story



For the teacher :

Discuss the activity in the classroom and demonstrate how to choose from the columns. Build one story through a discussion in the classroom. After that, allow children time to build their stories/ plays in the classroom itself. Later on, they may write the stories individually or as a group activity. Encourage them to illustrate their story/play.

Form groups of five.

Look at the chart given on pages 40-41.

Each person in the group is given only one column to choose from.

From column A, one person chooses any five characters.

From column B, another person can choose any five characteristics or qualities for these characters.

From columns C, D and E, the three remaining children choose the story type, the period and one setting (place) respectively.

The condition is that every person chooses separately, without telling/ consulting the others.

After everyone has chosen, you put all the elements together and build a story/ play with it.

It must have a beginning, some events and an end.

You may choose other supporting characters and move from one setting or time period to another, if necessary, but you must use what you choose first.





A : Characters

B : Characteristics

magician

dog

brave

talkative

school girl

scientist

coward

silly

school boy

a super-hero

wicked

sly

mouse

robot

kind

honest

thief

detective

weak

cunning

soldier

neighbour

bullying

loyal

farmer

elf

nosey

rash

dinosaur

acrobat

forgetful

helpful

merchant

pilot

very intelligent

selfish

king/queen

hawker

scholar

strong



Do you have these elements in your story ?

Good descriptions.
(You will need adjectives.)

Events and actions.



C : Story Type

D : Time

E : Places

fairy-tale

In the time of the caveman

Your city/ town/village

fantasy

Once upon a time

On another planet

mystery

One thousand to five hundred years ago

In a faraway land

adventure

Twenty years ago

In a desert

ordinary

Now

In the forest

success story

Twenty years from now

In a hill fort

funny

Two hundred years from now

On an island

science fiction

tragic

When dinosaurs lived on the earth

In a big city

In space

play

In a small kingdom

Dialogues and conversations and also 'monologues', if you like.

Some surprise for the readers !

Please share your story with other groups.