

Storytelling and Anecdotes

Telling stories, recalling events and relating personal anecdotes has been how many cultures and societies have preserved and passed on their traditions. We constantly communicate information through stories e.g. *Wait until I tell you a good one about ...* Storytelling is a vital part of everyday conversation and so should be an important feature in all classrooms. Teachers can extend storytelling skills into performance opportunities such as play, recital in drama

Structure	Infants	1 st / 2 nd	3 rd – 6 th
Beginning			
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once upon a time... Long, long ago... One day... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a faraway land... Many years ago... Fadó, fadó... In the beginning... Once there lived.... Remember when... Wait until I tell you... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long ago in the mists of time... This is a story I heard a long time ago... We were I the ____ one morning when... It was a dark and dismal night.... It all started when... Once upon a time, when the world was young.... I'm going to tell you a tale about... One day, not too long ago... It had all happened so quickly... That reminds me of... I have a story to tell you about.... Did you hear the one about...
Describing Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big/small Long/short Thin/fat Tall/small Happy/sad Nice/nasty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flat/lean/thick/wide/round Skinny/slim/straight Annoyed/pleased Horrible/nasty/mean Crazy/wild Awful/cross/mean/evil/nasty Fine/lovely Clever/excellent/friendly Amazing/brilliant/fantastic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bloated/broad/bulky/curved/crooked Delicate/gangly/gaunt/lanky/plump Stocky/stout/symmetrical Berserk/enraged/furious/hysterical Appalling/beastly/pessimistic/revolting shameful/shocking/vicious Attractive/desirable/pleasant/delightful Admired/affectionate/appreciated/considerate/compassionate/enthusiastic generous/genuine/gracious/obedient Exceptional/fabulous/glorious/superb
Describing setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Above/below Behind/beside Up/down Hot/cold Wet/dry Big/small/little 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the end To the left/to the right Inside/middle Outside Calm/clear/cool Foggy/misty/icy Freezing/warm/wet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Among/across/against/around Between/beneath Beyond/closely Throughout/underneath/toward Balmy/humid/muggy/overcast Blazing/scorching/tropical Blizzard/gust/severe/squall

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loud/quiet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High/huge/large/long/tall Little/low/short/tiny Banging/crashing/hissing howling/hooting Blast/noisy/roar/scream Low/gentle/silent/soft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dense/drizzly/gale/heavy Colossal/enormous/immense/gigantic massive/vast Microscopic/miniature/miniscule narrow/shallow/slight Babbling/buzz/clatter/high-pitched screeching/shrieking/snarling/whining Deafening/ear-splitting/shrill/uproar Dull/faint/inaudible/mumble/murmur rustle/whisper
Middle			
Time connectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Then Next 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firstly, secondly While/since Then one day.... Now when.... The next day/morning.... On his way.... Suddenly... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meanwhile/eventually But as soon as.... It wasn't long before.... Soon afterwards.... Along came.... That very morning/day.... All at once.... All of a sudden.... Out of the blue....
Words instead of went	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drove Flew Cycled Ran Walked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climbed Crawled Jumped/hopped 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crept/tip-toed/roamed/meandered Floated/drifted/slithered Screeched/skidded/squeezed Strode/stormed/thumped/thundered Tumbled/zoomed/ambled/treked
Words instead of said	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Said Shouted Roared 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answered Called Cried Screamed Thought 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added/admitted/announced/agreed Boasted/bragged/ Complained/concluded/confessed Denied/described/discussed Encouraged/explained/exclaimed Informed/interrupted Moaned/pleaded/protested Remarked/replied/reminded Sighed/suggested/urged/uttered Commanded/declared/directed Insisted/instructed Examined/inquired
End			
Connectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> So 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After Although Even though As 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Even though/lest/provided/unless In order that/since/so that Except/however/save As though/neither/otherwise/whereas

			therefore/whenever/whereby
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They all lived happily ever after 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ...and nothing was heard of the _____ ever again • And that was the last that was seen/heard of.... • And that was the end of that • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ...and so we'll never know what really happened • ...it had finished, at last • ... and so it was over • ...and now we could all have a well-earned rest • ...and I can't wait to do it again!