Cambridge English



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"Today I'm going to tell you a story about..."

Developing storytelling at Movers and Flyers

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PREPARATION



IMPLEMENTATION

FOLLOW-UP

PREPARATION

Learner familiarity with activity/task-type?
Activity placement within lesson cycles?
Length of tasks according to learners/time cons
Classroom resources available?
Activity/task-focus?
Yourself as storyteller?

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Voice!

MT (L1) or FL (L2) competence?

Body-language!

Position of T and Ss in class during activity

Activity/task focus

Grammar or lexis?
Which items?
How many?
How difficult?
What level?
What to pre-teach? How?

Starters there is/are

present continuous

numbers

have got

prepositions of place

Movers comparatives and superlatives

adjectives

quantifiers

more complex sentences

relative clauses

in/with for possessions, hair type,

etc.



Flyers

Listening

ability to listen for general meaning - not to be misled by distractors

ability to listen for detail - e.g. spelling, numbers



Reading

understand familiar names, words and very simple sentences

read very short, simple texts and find information I need in longer texts such as simple messages, stories or internet texts



The fox and the crow



The fox and the crow



One day, a fox saw a crow. The crow was sitting in a tree, eating some cheese.

"Hello, crow. Give me the cheese," said the fox.

"No!" said the crow. "I like cheese and I don't like you!" (Read the part of the crow between clenched teeth to show that it is talking with a bit of cheese in its mouth.) "Give me your cheese!" said the fox. "It smells great and I'm very hungry."

"No!" said the crow. "This is my cheese and you can't have it." (Make appropriate noises, first to show the fox's disappointment and anger, then the process of his thinking and lastly a special sound to show it has an idea.)

"Can you fly?" asked the fox.

"Of course I can," said the crow.

"No, you can't," said the fox.

"Yes, I can!!!"

(This micro-dialogue can be repeated many times for fun.)

"Fly then," said the fox.

"All right," said the crow. "Look." It flew round the tree.

(Same noises as above)

"Can you sing?" asked the fox.

"Of course I can," said the crow.

"No, you can't," said the fox.

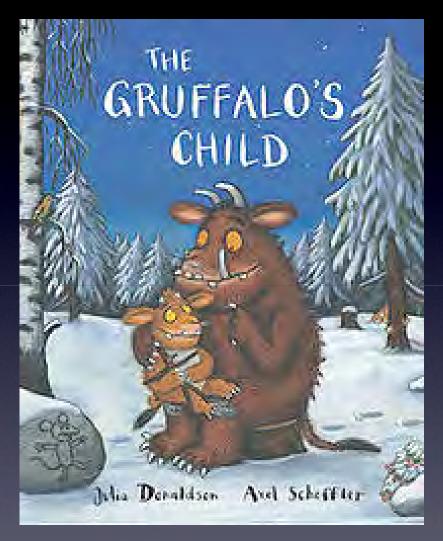
"Yes, I can!!!"

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"Sing then!" said the fox.

"All right," said the crow. "Listen." It opened its beak wide and sang. "La-la-la-la Oh, no! My cheese!"

"Ha-ha-ha-ha!" said the fox. "Thanks for the cheese. It's my favourite! Yummy-yummy!"





Specific

lead-in
Think about aims of activity

Think about what students know/don't know

Decide if/what to pre-teach and how

Decide if students will have a during-reading to

Pre-Teaching Task 1

2



a. rug

b. cushions

3

3



c. ringing

d. dizzy

Pre-Teaching Task 2

Choose a word to complete each sentence.

I've got a red in the middle of my room.

Listen! Your phone's

I got when I turned round.

I like sitting on big



"At the end of the phone call, Michaels dad said, 'I've got a new job'!"



"The family got in their yellow truck and drove north to their new home."



"Then something very strange began to happen."



"Michael felt dizzy for a minute but then he stood up and looked around the room."

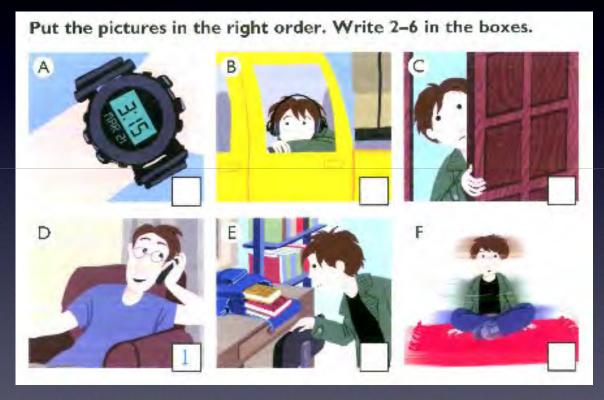




"You're late! Come on!"

"Oh! And Tony's going to have a pool party this evening. It's his birthday. Can you come?"

In-story Task Listen again, but this time...



Follow-up Task 1



Listen and colour the second picture on page 45.





Follow-up Task 2

Change part of the story.

Look at the words in the box. Choose a word for each space.

afraid see torch boxes walked raining forget dropped shouting problems heavy team

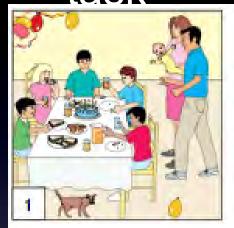
Movers storytelling task

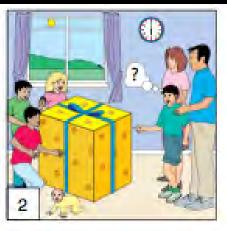






Flyers storytelling task











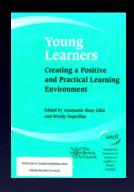
Simple reading activities

'memory' using a picture + a word

crosswords

pictures + descriptions

paired description activities







Recommended Reading









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