

‘What’s the Story?’

Oral Language game for Junior and Senior Infants – Teacher Guide Notes

Preparation:

Print and laminate the story cards attached

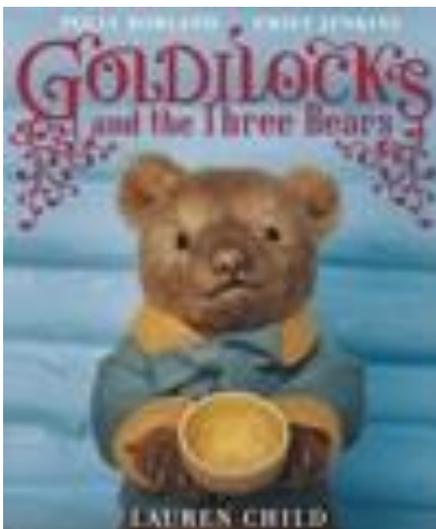
Play Instructions:

Split the class/group into two teams. One child (the ‘Caller’) from Team 1 stands up ready to play first. He/She turns over the top story card from the pile (without letting anyone else see it) and tries to make a member of Team 1 say the name of the story, by describing what happens in the story but without saying any part of the story’s name. Then the caller moves on to the next card. The caller has 20 seconds to work through as many cards as possible. Any story cards that are correctly named by Team 1 within 20 seconds are awarded to the team. Now a caller from Team 2 stands up and the play continues as before, with the caller again attempting to work through as many story cards as possible within the 20 second time limit. After the 20 seconds the play returns to Team 1 with a different caller from that team taking over. The play continues back and forth between the two teams until all of the story cards have been won. The team with the most story cards at the end of the game are the winners.

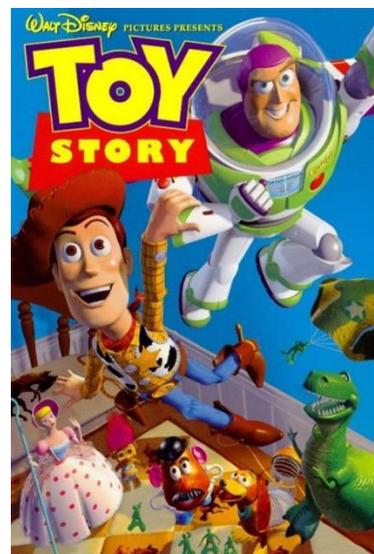
Tip:

If a caller is struggling to describe a story feed him/her prompt questions using the ‘W’ question words e.g. What is the story about? Where does the story take place? Who is in the story? How does the story end? etc.

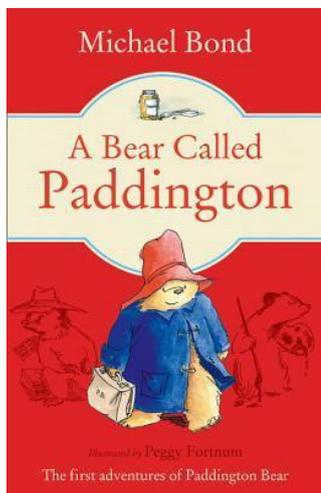
Goldilocks and the Three Bears



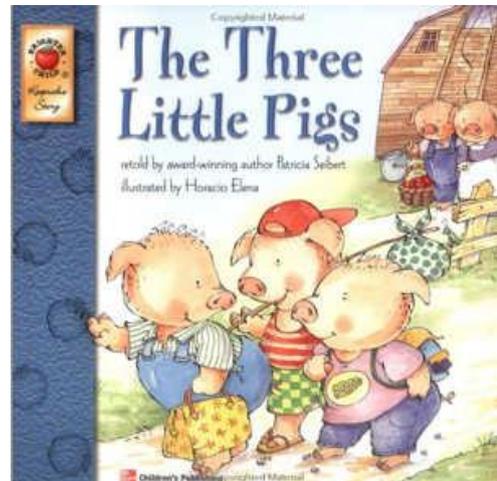
Toy Story



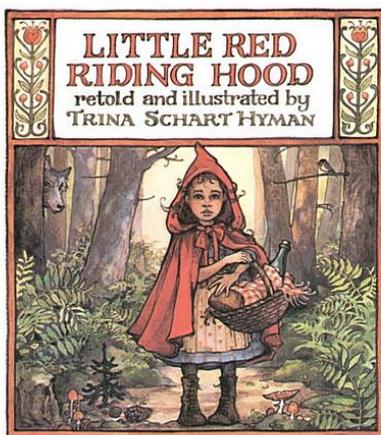
Paddington Bear



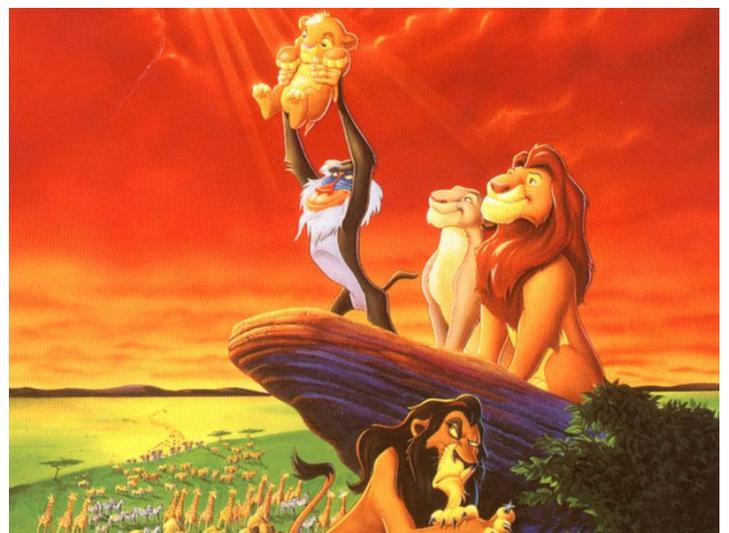
The Three Little Pigs



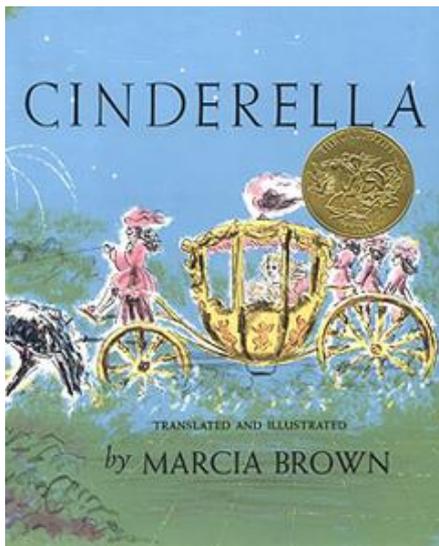
Little Red Riding Hood



The Lion King



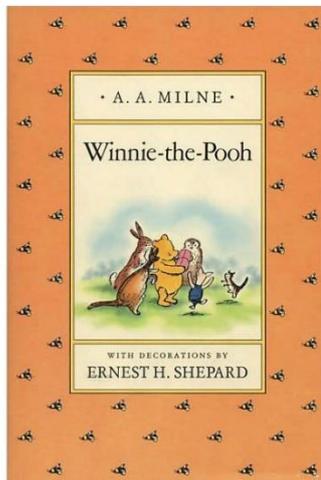
Cinderella



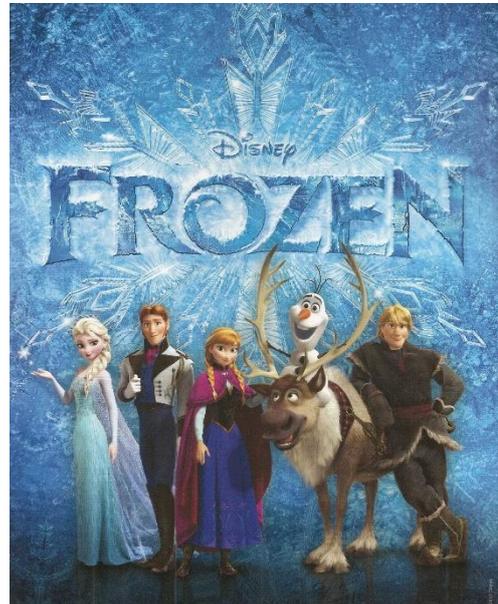
Beauty and the Beast



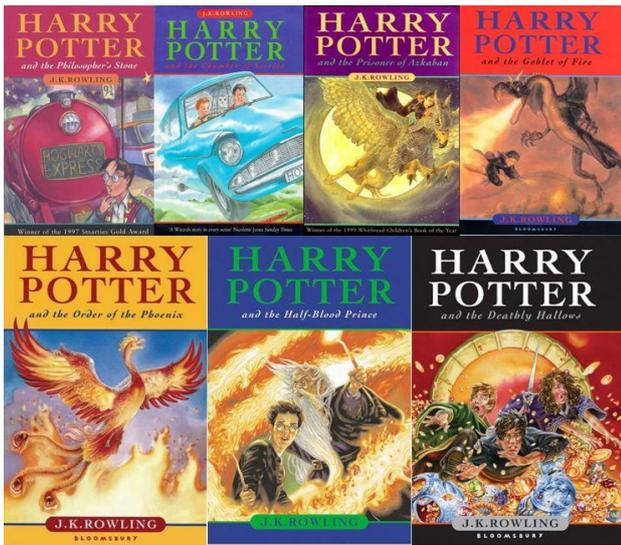
Winnie the Pooh



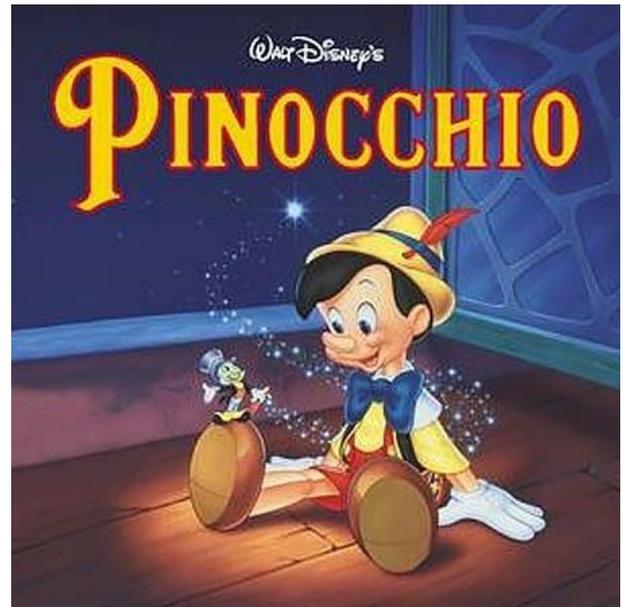
Frozen



Harry Potter



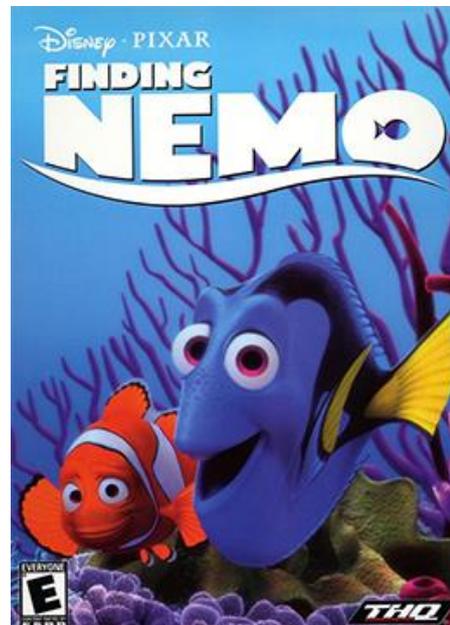
Pinocchio



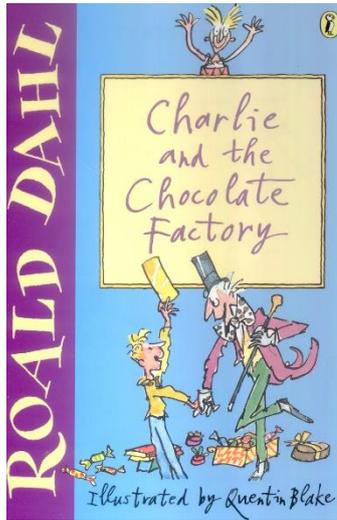
Despicable Me



Finding Nemo



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Shrek



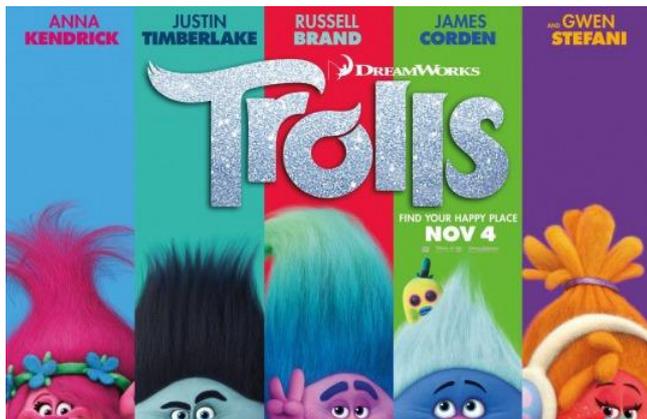
The Smurfs



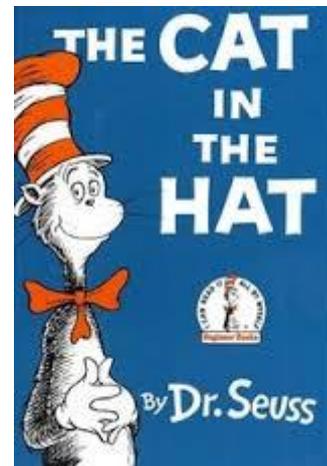
Minions



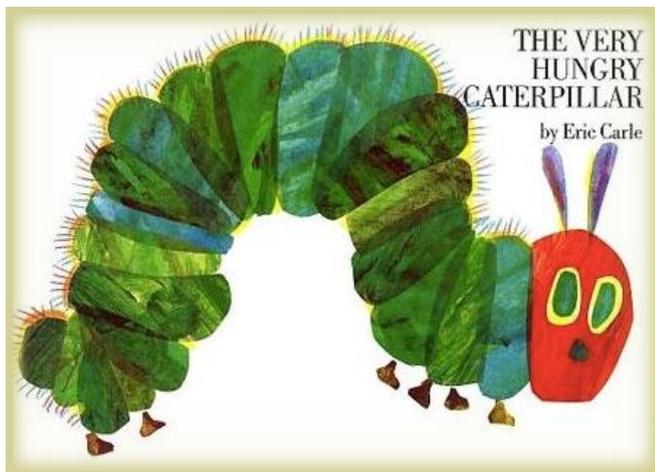
Trolls



The Cat in the Hat



The Very Hungry Caterpillar



Where's Wally?

