

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blast/noisy/roar/scream</li> <li>Low/gentle/silent/soft</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babbling/buzz/clatter/high-pitched screeching/shrieking/snarling/whining</li> <li>Deafening/ear-splitting/shrill/uproar</li> <li>Dull/faint/inaudible/mumble/murmur rustle/whisper</li> </ul>
<b>Middle</b>			
<b>Time connectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Then</li> <li>Next</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Firstly, secondly</li> <li>While/since</li> <li>Then one day....</li> <li>Now when....</li> <li>The next day/morning....</li> <li>On his way....</li> <li>Suddenly...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meanwhile/eventually</li> <li>But as soon as....</li> <li>It wasn't long before....</li> <li>Soon afterwards....</li> <li>Along came....</li> <li>That very morning/day....</li> <li>All at once....</li> <li>All of a sudden....</li> <li>Out of the blue....</li> </ul>
<b>Words instead of went</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drove</li> <li>Flew</li> <li>Cycled</li> <li>Ran</li> <li>Walked</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climbed</li> <li>Crawled</li> <li>Jumped/hopped</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crept/tip-toed/roamed/meandered</li> <li>Floated/drifted/slithered</li> <li>Screeched/skidded/squeezed</li> <li>Strode/stormed/thumped/thundered</li> <li>Tumbled/zoomed/ambled/trekking</li> </ul>
<b>Words instead of said</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Said</li> <li>Shouted</li> <li>Roared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answered</li> <li>Called</li> <li>Cried</li> <li>Screamed</li> <li>Thought</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added/admitted/announced/agreed</li> <li>Boasted/bragged/</li> <li>Complained/concluded/confessed</li> <li>Denied/described/discussed</li> <li>Encouraged/explained/exclaimed</li> <li>Informed/interrupted</li> <li>Moaned/pleaded/protested</li> <li>Remarked/replied/reminded</li> <li>Sighed/suggested/urged/uttered</li> <li>Commanded/declared/directed</li> <li>Insisted/instructed</li> <li>Examined/inquired</li> </ul>
<b>End</b>			
<b>Connectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>So</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After</li> <li>Although</li> <li>Even though</li> <li>As</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Even though/lest/provided/unless</li> <li>In order that/since/so that</li> <li>Except/however/save</li> <li>As though/neither/otherwise/whereas therefore/whenever/whereby</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They all lived happily ever after</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>...and nothing was heard of the _____ ever again</li> <li>And that was the last that was seen/heard of....</li> <li>And that was the end of that</li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>...and so we'll never know what really happened</li> <li>...it had finished, at last</li> <li>... and so it was over</li> <li>...and now we could all have a well-earned rest</li> <li>...and I can't wait to do it again!</li> </ul>