

Being creative with literature in Kindy to Year 2

Suggested reading and writing activities focusing on characters, setting and events of literary texts such as picture books, stories and simple chapter books.

What does your favourite **character do, say, think and feel** in a story you have read?
How do you know?
Can you tell from the illustrations or the words or both?
Record your thoughts in a table.

Do	Say	Think	Feel



Make up a song about a favourite **character** in a story you have read to the tune of Old MacDonald.

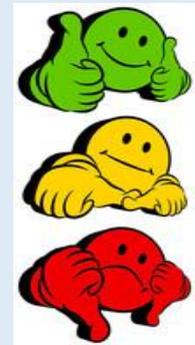


Choose a **character** from a story you have read. What does the **character** look like?
What personal qualities does the character show?
Record this thinking in a table. An adult could help you write your thoughts.

Character	Looks like	Personal qualities
Prince	handsome	talented horseman



Choose an **event** from a story you have read. Think of something you liked, something **interesting** and something you didn't like about an event.



Construct the story **setting**, a **character** or an **event** in a book you have read. Use some materials from home. A shoe box can be a great start. Other materials can include recycled paper towel rolls, paper bags, wrapping paper, ribbon and packaging.

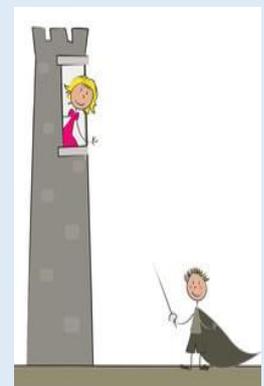
Make a story map showing where the story takes place. This is called the **setting**. Some stories move across different places. Try to draw and label these places. Retell the story with your map.



Use your fingers to retell a story.
Who are the **characters**?
Where does the story happen? This is the **setting**. Try looking in the pictures for clues. **Show what** happens at the **beginning** of the story? Is there a **problem** in the **middle** of the story?
The last bit – the **end** of the story is told on the smallest finger.

5-Finger Retell	
	1. Characters
	2. Setting
	3. Beginning
	4. Middle
	5. End

Be playful and use your imagination!
Choose a favourite **event** from a story. Find or make props to recreate the event. Use words from the story to act out the event.



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