

Retelling stories at home



Building reading comprehension through retelling stories – Story scripts

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Story 1 A naughty dog

Picture 1:

One **beautiful** sunny day, Mae, a happy little girl, was playing in the yard with her brand new ball. Her dog quietly sat watching Mae having fun with the ball.

Picture 2:

Suddenly her dog **snatched** Mae's ball and ran away with it. She chased after her **pesky** dog but he ran faster and faster until she fell over. Mae was **upset** and cried because she couldn't catch that naughty dog.

Picture 3:

After a while Mae **decided** that she would get help from her Dad who had come out into the garden when he heard her crying. She **explained** "*The dog has stolen my ball and I can't catch him*".

Picture 4:

When Dad caught the dog he took the ball out of his mouth. Mae was happy because she finally had her ball back and **decided** to keep it away from her naughty dog.

Story 2 A wet day

Picture 1:

Last Tuesday when Indie went to school she was **excited** because she was going to play skipping with her friends at lunch time.

Picture 2:

First thing each morning Indie's class did reading. Indie looked out her classroom window and saw that **huge** black clouds were filling the sky. She was **worried** because she **knew** that they could not do skipping if it was raining.

Picture 3:

Indie **thought** about what she could do. At first break she went to her teacher and asked, "*Excuse me, if it rains at lunch time could we do skipping in the hall?*" Her teacher told her that that was an **excellent** idea.

Picture 4:

At lunch time Indie and her friends didn't care that it was raining heavily outside because they had lots of fun playing skipping in the hall. Indie was happy that she had planned so well.

Story 3 Lost goggles

Picture 1:

Last Friday morning Kim went to the school pool for swimming training which he **enjoyed**.

Picture 2:

When he was ready to dive into the pool Kim **realised** that he did not have his swimming goggles. He **carefully** looked through his swimming bag but he could not find his goggles. He was **worried** because his eyes got red and sore without **protection**.

Picture 3:

Kim **thought** his swimming coach might be able to help so he went and **explained**, "*I have lost my swimming goggles*". The coach, a kind **helpful** lady, had a **spare** pair of goggles and **kindly** gave them to Kim.

Picture 4:

After thanking the coach Kim quickly put on the goggles and dived into the pool. Kim was happy that he was able to join in the swimming training. After he had finished swimming he handed the goggles back to his coach.

Story 4 A juggling disaster

Picture 1:

During their school holidays Adam and his friend went to the circus. They saw a juggler who threw three plates up into the air at the same time without dropping any of them. "*Even I can do that*" **boasted** Adam.

Picture 2:

When he arrived home, Adam went into the kitchen and took out three good plates. He **thought** he could do the trick that he had seen the juggler do at the circus so he threw the three plates high up into the air. **Unfortunately** all three plates fell on the floor and broke into pieces.

Picture 3:

Adam's mother **dashed** into the kitchen when she heard the **smashing** sound. His mother was **extremely annoyed** when she saw that Adam had broken three of her best plates.

Picture 4:

She told him that he had to sweep up the broken plates and then buy new ones.

Story 5 A trip to the dentist

Picture 1:

Kai woke up with a **terrible** toothache last Monday. He looked at his badly **swollen** face in the mirror and **thought** "*I must go to the dentist this afternoon*".

Picture 2:

The dentist asked Kai to open his mouth as widely as he could. Then he **examined** the tooth and said, "*I'm afraid I'll have to put a filling in this tooth*". Kai was upset and cried because his mouth was already **throbbing** with pain.

Picture 3:

Then the dentist said, "*Kai your tooth will feel better very soon because I have fixed it for you*". As the dentist was talking Kai **realised** that his tooth wasn't hurting very much anymore so he stopped crying.

Picture 4:

Kai happily left the dentist's room with a new SuperHero sticker. His tooth felt fine and he was looking forward to showing his **fabulous** new sticker to his friends.

Story 6 Island adventure

Picture 1:

Early one morning Lee got into his boat and rowed towards an island not far from the beach. When he reached the island, Lee pulled the boat up on to the beach and lay down in the warm sun. He stayed on the island all day, swimming and looking for shells.

Picture 2:

When it started to get cold Lee **decided** that it was time to go home. Lee rowed and rowed but the boat sat **motionless**. He was **puzzled** because he **knew** he was a strong boy.

Picture 3:

Eventually Lee **decided** to look all around the boat to check what was wrong.

Picture 4:

He found a **huge** black rock stuck in front of the boat so Lee quickly moved the boat away from the rock and said to himself, "*Now I can row home*". He was most **relieved** to get home in time for dinner.

Story 7 Dessert

Picture 1:

It was Mia's birthday last Monday so her father made her a beautiful dessert of green jelly **decorated** with chocolate frogs.

Picture 2:

Mia **carefully** put the green jelly into bowls so she could **share** it with her friends. She looked at her bowl but **realised** that it did not have one of the chocolate frogs. Mia was **disappointed** because she had been looking forward to trying one of the chocolates. Tears began to roll down her face.

Picture 3:

When Dad saw that Mia was crying he asked her, "*What's wrong, darling?*" She **explained** about missing out on a chocolate frog.

Picture 4:

Dad **remembered** that there were some extra chocolates in the fridge so he quickly got one and placed it in Mia's bowl. When Mia saw the chocolate frog on her jelly she was happy and thanked Dad for such a **delicious** treat.

Story 8 A special treat

Picture 1:

Last weekend Daniel's Dad took all of the family out to a restaurant for lunch. He told the children that it was a **special treat** to thank them all for being so well behaved.

Picture 2:

Daniel was really **excited** to order a burger but then he saw there were pieces of onion on it. Onion always made Daniel's tummy feel sick so he didn't **know** what to do. Daniel was **disappointed** that he could not eat the burger so just sat staring at it.

Picture 3:

Then Daniel turned to his Dad and said, "*Dad, do you **remember** that onion can make me sick?*" Dad said, "*Just take off the onion and then you can eat the rest of the burger*".

Picture 4:

Daniel removed the onion and ate the burger quickly because it was **delicious**. He was happy that he could enjoy Dad's **surprise**.

Story 9 A pile of leaves

Version A.

Picture 1.

One windy day Dad asked Zoe to rake up the leaves in the yard and put them in a big pile. When Zoe finished raking the leaves she looked at the **gigantic** pile. It looked so **soft** that she **decided** to jump into it. "*This is fun*" she said to herself.

Picture 2:

Unfortunately Zoe had not **noticed** that there was a big sharp rock under the pile of leaves. When she jumped a second time she landed on the rock and hurt her leg. Zoe was **upset** to have landed on the rock.

Picture 3:

After a while Zoe looked at her leg and **decided** that it was just a bruise so went to put cold water on it.

Picture 4:

When her leg felt better Zoe went back out in the yard to play but stayed away from the leaves and the **dangerous** rock.

Story 10 Backyard cricket

Picture 1:

Last Sunday Jada was playing a game of cricket in the back yard with her big brother. Jada **bowled** very fast and hit the wickets behind her brother. The wickets fell over onto the ground.

Picture 2:

Jada's brother was an **excellent** cricket player so he was used to being the **best** player in the game. He was **furious** that Jada's ball had got past him so he threw his cricket bat on to the ground in front of him. He was being an **extremely** bad sport.

Picture 3:

Jada quietly said "*I don't think I want to play with you anymore if you are going to keep being a bad sport*". After a while her brother replied, "*Sorry, I got **upset** with myself and I won't do it anymore*".

Picture 4:

After her brother **apologised**, Jada happily played another **exciting** game of backyard cricket with him.

Story 11 No hat, no play

Picture 1:

One morning, Andrew, a **forgetful** boy, was in his bedroom getting dressed because it was time to go to school.

Picture 2:

When he was almost ready, Andrew **realised** that he couldn't find his new school hat anywhere. Andrew was **upset** because he needed to wear his hat if he wanted to play outside at school.

Picture 3:

Then Andrew **decided** to ask his mother if she **knew** where his hat was. He **politely** asked his mother, "*Do you **know** where my new school hat is?*" His mother **replied**, "*Yes, I think you left it on the kitchen table.*" After Andrew's mother **reminded** him where his hat was, he quickly put it on.

Picture 4:

When Andrew had finished dressing he put on his backpack and went outside ready to go to school. At break times he had fun playing with his friends on the oval.

Story 12 muddy footprints

Version A.

Picture 1:

On Tuesday afternoon when Kate left her school to walk home it had started **pouring** rain. Kate's friend **reminded** her to be most **careful** when walking on the **slippery** paths.

Picture 2:

Kate was wearing her **fabulous** new yellow gumboots so she happily splashed through all the puddles on her way home. When she got home she didn't see that her boots left dirty marks all over the kitchen floor. Her mother was most **annoyed** to see the muddy footprints all through the clean kitchen.

Picture 3:

She told Kate, "*You need to clean up this dirty mess straight away*". Kate **apologised** for doing the wrong thing. She quickly went to the cupboard and took out the mop before she filled a bucket with water.

Picture 4:

After Kate finished cleaning the floor her mother was pleased because she had done an **excellent** job.

Story 13 Karen's new pet

Picture 1:

On the weekend Karen went for a walk down near the river. She heard a **strange** noise, then spotted a **huge** lizard sitting on a rock. Karen quickly went into the river and **grabbed** the lizard. Karen was **excited** to have caught the **enormous** reptile because she had always wanted a pet.

Picture 2:

When Karen got home she found Mum to show her the lizard and **hopefully** asked, "Mum can I please keep this cute lizard as a pet?" Then Mum **crossly** said, "Karen, I have told you before that I do not want any animals in this house. Take that poor **frightened** lizard straight back to where you found it".

Picture 3:

So Karen sadly let the lizard go down at the river.

Picture 4:

The lizard was happy to escape from the **scary** girl and happily ran back up onto the river bank.

Story 14 Tom's train

Picture 1:

Last week Tom was having lots of fun at home playing with his **favourite** train set. First he took the train tracks out of the box and placed them on the floor.

Picture 2:

Then Tom started to sort through the carriages. But he **carelessly** dropped the train engine on the floor and one of the front wheels fell off. Tom, who loved his train set, was **horrified** that he had broken it.

Picture 3:

Tom couldn't fix it himself so he **decided** to ask Mum for help. Then Mum got out some super glue and **carefully** glued the wheel back into its correct position.

Picture 4:

When the glue had dried Mum handed the mended train back to Tom and told him, "You need to be more **careful** with your toys". Tom was **excited** to get back his train and gave Mum an **enormous** hug.

Story 15 Family fun

Picture 1:

Last night Henry and his sister were happily watching one of their **favourite** TV shows. Suddenly there was a **deafening** crack of thunder and flash of lightning.

Picture 2:

All the lights went out and the TV didn't work anymore because the lightning had struck a power line. Henry was **disappointed** because he couldn't keep on watching the fun TV show.

Picture 3:

Then Henry **thought** about what they could do in the dark and **decided** he would like to play a board game. Henry **politely** asked his family, "*Would you all like to play a board game with me?*" Henry found the candles then **carefully** put them on the table.

Picture 4:

When the candles were lit the family happily played a board game. Henry and his sister were **amazed** at how much fun it was for the whole family to play a game together.