

# Build Your Own Story

*A three-part storytelling workshop for children aged 5-11*

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## Part 3: Build Your Story

### First, watch the video and build your own story

Join our Story Builder Minnie as she guides you through the last steps to build your own story. Watch the video here - <https://bit.ly/3d16ZSH>

In the previous videos, you created your character and your setting. Please name them here before you start building your story:

My character is \_\_\_\_\_

My setting is \_\_\_\_\_

If you've missed the two previous videos, watch them here on our website:  
[discover.org.uk/storytelling-resources](https://discover.org.uk/storytelling-resources)

### Next, tell us about your story

Answer the questions below to build your story. If you have a printer at home, print these pages off to write on them or use a piece of a paper at home.

#### 1) What kind of story are you building?

Think about the kind of stories you like to read. Do you like funny stories? Scary stories? Exciting ones? Tell us below what kind of story you are building:

My story is \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2) What does your character want?

Think about your character. What do they want to do, to find or to see?

*Example: Minnie's character wants to throw a birthday party for her best friend.*

My character wants to \_\_\_\_\_

## 3) What is the problem in your story?

Every story needs a problem. Tell us about the one in your story.

*Example: The problem in Minnie's story is that all shops have run out of balloons and party decoration.*

The problem in my story is that \_\_\_\_\_

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## 4) How is your character going to try and solve the problem?

Tell us about your character's special skill or plan to solve the problem.

*Example: Minnie's character can make her own decoration.*

My character can \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra tip:** Sometimes a story is more interesting if the character can't solve the problem the first time. Try and think of a few different things your character could try and then work out why some of them might not work.

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5) How is your story going to end?

Will your story have a happy or a sad ending?

Happy     Sad

Now, tell us how your story ends:

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## Extra tips for writing your story:

- Remember the five senses when you're writing. What can the characters see, hear, touch, smell and taste?
- Include a conversation between your characters in your story if you can. What might your characters say to each other?
- Try to describe how your characters feel when something happens in your story.

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Now, write your story below or on your own paper

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Draw a scene from your story below or on your own paper

**Bonus Activity:** A fun way to tell your story is to act it out using everyday objects you can find around your house. You can act out your story for your friends and family.

Minnie has acted out the story she has built. Watch it here: [bit.ly/3cYYl7f](https://bit.ly/3cYYl7f)

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## Send your stories to Hootah

You can send your drawings and descriptions of your new characters and settings to Hootah and all the characters at Discover to help wake up their imagination! Please ask your grown up to email your stories and drawings to [education@discover.org.uk](mailto:education@discover.org.uk).

Build Your Own Story is a three-part storytelling workshop. If you missed the previous videos, visit our website to find 'Part 1: Find Your Character' and 'Part 2: Find Your Setting' – [discover.org.uk/storytelling-resources](https://discover.org.uk/storytelling-resources)