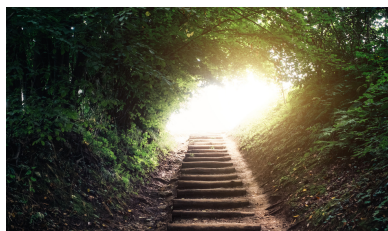


Summer Story Sparks

It's time to tell stories. Making up stories is a great way to have fun, spend time together, and build literacy skills. Here are 15 story starters to spark your child's imagination. Try a different one each day. You might take turns being the storyteller and the listener. Listening leads to lots of learning too!

- Try telling stories as you eat a meal or go for a walk. Bedtime can be a great time for stories, too. You might also tell stories in the car or on the bus.
- Sometimes kids have an easier time telling stories as they play with toys or as they draw. It can help spark imagination.
- You might pass a story back and forth; you can start it and then your child can add on.
- If your child gets stuck, try asking questions like: What happened next? What will the character do now?
- You might start a story and finish it later. And it's okay if a story is short.
- Try writing down or recording the stories your child tells. It's a great way to show your child just how important their ideas are!



On a walk with your family, you find a mystery path and decide to follow it. Tell a story about what you find at the end of the path.



Tell a story about the time you went for a canoe ride and saw an underwater sea creature that wanted to play. What did you do together?



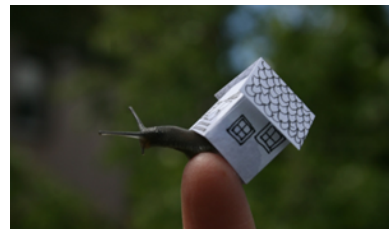
Tell a story about the time you went to the park and found a talking frog. What did its voice sound like? What did the frog say?



Tell a story about a mouse who becomes a famous artist.



Tell a story about the time you built a sandcastle and sea creatures moved in. What did they look like? What did they do?



One day you find a friendly snail that's lost its shell. Tell a story about how you helped it make a new home.

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Tell a story about the time you won a contest to record your own music album. What did the music sound like?



One day you made the world's biggest bubble. Tell a story about what happened when it popped.



Tell a story about a time you found a magical bag in the woods. What power did it have? What did you do with it?



Tell a story about a time you had to take care of a pet. And the pet didn't behave as you expected.



Tell a story about the hot air balloon race with your friends that didn't go as expected. What kind of adventure did you have?



During a trip to your local library, you find the librarian has turned into a dog. Tell a story about what happens next.



In the morning you find a pair of magic shoes and a ticket for flying lessons. What happens when you put them on?



Tell a story about the day you entered a running race and won!



Tell a story about the time you went swimming with your friends and realized you could swim like a dolphin.