

Crafty Ideas: **Making Story Strips**



Making Story Strips 1



The photographs above show children making story strips, which is a simple way of creating a story board. Story strips can be a useful planning tool for both the unfolding narrative and possibilities for illustrations.

You will need:

- Strips of paper
- drawing media

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- ➔ Having decided on a story to illustrate, hand out the strips of paper, these can be folded or divided into a given number of sections, or children can work more freely deciding how to divide the strip themselves. They could even work on separate, similar-sized pieces of paper which they attach together. If the story extends beyond the strip, a new section can be added. The strips can become like scrolls. Children can both write and draw the critical elements which they wish to illustrate.
- ➔ Talk about the balance between text and image. Which do they feel should dominate at any point in the story? Remind children that text can be placed in different ways in relation to the image.
- ➔ These story strips can make excellent planning tools for creating well-structured narratives.
- ➔ Use the story strips as cue cards to help children tell their stories, which can then be recorded. Children can then improve their oral storytelling by listening to the recordings and repeating the tale again, after thinking and talking about how to enhance the story.

Tip

Children can practice and refine their oral storytelling using the strips as cue cards. This can lead to much greater fluency, as the strips provide reminders and prompts. Children will learn how to embellish the bare bones of the story with description and detail.

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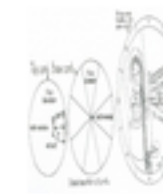


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