

Group story

Making up stories together is a fun way for children to become familiar with the different elements needed to make a story complete.

Setting up

Cut out the cards from the *Group story* sheet. Each card represents an element of a story. They are:

- *Who*
- *Where*
- *What happened*
- *When*
- *Why*
- *How people feel*

Explain to the children that you are going to make up a story together and that each person in the group will be adding a different bit of the story.

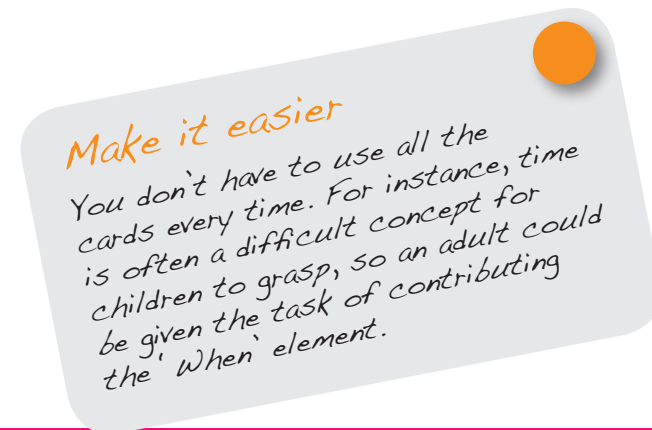


Playing the game

Show the cards to the children and remind them of what each symbol stands for. Give examples for each symbol. For instance: *Where* might mean in the park, at the cinema or by the seaside. Another example: *How people feel* might mean John is feeling happy or Ramesh is feeling sad.

You could start by telling a story yourself. It might be a real experience (what you did on your holidays when you were a child) or a story from a book or comic.

Encourage the children to retell the story, one element at a time. For example, the first child might be shown the *Who* card and asked to say who is involved in the story. The next child might be shown the *Where* card and asked to describe where the story took place. And so on...



Taking it further

In a similar way, you can encourage the children to retell a story they are already familiar with. This could be an experience from their own lives or a story they've heard or seen on television.

This activity is demonstrated on the DVD.

