

EVERYDAY SKILL BUILDERS

Storytelling using picture cards



3 MINUTE VIDEO
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Have you ever found yourself reading a story to children only to hear a chorus of 'I CANT SEE!' chanted back to you?...often from the front of the group?

Telling the story using a series of picture cards can help to keep the story alive while enabling all children to see clearly. You can shorten or lengthen the story in real time, following children's cues rather than a fixed page count. You don't need fancy resources – a few drawings on card is all it takes.

TIPS FOR STORYTELLING USING PICTURE CARDS

1

Create picture cards for key parts of the story. Adding numbers to the back of each card helps to keep the story in order and the flow engaging.

2

As you tell the story, use one picture card at a time to keep the story flowing. Unfolding onto a whiteboard, a painting easel or even a blank wall ensures all children can see the story unfold.

3

Consider your delivery – changing the tone and pace of your voice together with hand gestures, facial expressions and silly voices piques curiosity.

4

Get the children involved with telling the story – eg chanting the repeating parts of the story / guessing what comes next / helping to place the picture cards. Involvement can make it truly collaborative.



EXAMPLE: PETE THE CAT – I LOVE MY WHITE SHOES BY ERIC LITWIN

Children can participate throughout this story.

- "Oh no! Pete the Cat stood a big pile of...? [*strawberries!*]...what happened to his shoes? They weren't white anymore they turned...? [*red!*]"
- Chanting the repetitive parts [*i love my white shoes / red shoes / stinky shoes*].
- TIP – use artistic license to make this one fun. Maybe Pete steps in a pile of poo!

Notes

Reflections

