

## 7 Sentence Story Structure

Most stories fit a simple structure that looks like this:

Once upon a time \_\_\_\_\_

And every day \_\_\_\_\_

Until one day \_\_\_\_\_

And because of that \_\_\_\_\_

And because of that \_\_\_\_\_

Until finally \_\_\_\_\_

And from that day \_\_\_\_\_

Here's your chance to write a fun, made-up story. For example:

*One upon a time, there was a cow named Bob.*

*And every day, Bob told the other cows he wanted life to be better for all of them.*

*Until one day, Bob the cow was elected president and moved to Washington DC.*

*And because of that, cows all over the country felt they had power.*

*And because of that, cows opened business and hired humans to work for them.*

*Until finally, Bob the cow president was voted out of office by the Chicken Party.*

*And from that day, Bob the former cow president retired from public life, lived on a farm, ate grass and played Monopoly with his rich cow friends.*

Just fill-in the blanks but follow a few rules:

- Introduce a character and the character's name in Line 1.
- In Line 3, introduce a conflict, or some sort of change that makes things different.
- Line 4 and Line 5 are not typos! Once you fill-in Line 4, then fill-in Line 5 based on what you wrote in Line 4.
- Happy endings are preferred. So in Line 7, write something that's positive.
- Your stories are Rated G for General audiences. No bad words. No actions that hurt anyone.

Here's how you can make this even more fun:

- Have you and a friend fill-in every other line
- Or pass the story around your dinner table and have your family members fill-in their own line

Which way will your story go? Who knows? That's the fun! Have mom or dad record you reading this story on their phone. Send the video to Dream Big at [admin@dreambigeducation.org](mailto:admin@dreambigeducation.org). We would love to share your creative storytelling talents on the internet!

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