

Story Box

Story Box is initially an oral language activity that can, if desired, also be used as a written activity. The resource is divided up into seven sections, colour-coded for ease of use:

1. Who?
2. Where?
3. Where Next?
4. What Goes Wrong!
5. Who Helps?
6. Where Last?
7. Feelings

Cards for each pack should be printed, cut out and laminated. Keep each bundle of cards separate. This exercise could be done as a class oral activity, a group activity or as an individual activity. It could also be helpful for the teacher to do a demonstration of how the story works.

Two cards should be selected from the first group of cards (Who?), and one card from each of the other groups. The cards can be placed on the floor/table in order. This is the order that the story should be told. By following this order, you are giving pupils a story structure that they can also follow when they proceed to write a story on their own.

The class/pupil tries to link the elements of the story to put together an oral narrative. If an individual pupil is doing this exercise, it may be helpful initially to allow him/her to prepare the oral story overnight. As pupils become more proficient, they can make up the story on the spot.

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WHO?

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boy

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girl

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escaped
prisoner

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old man

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nun

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eagle

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butcher

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fire
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hairdresser

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theatre

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TV studio

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Africa

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boat club

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Scout hall

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hospital

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Cork

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corner**

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**under a
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shop**

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sweet shop

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clothes
shop

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circus

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bowling
alley

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GAA pitch

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gym

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palace

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tent

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castle

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Dublin's
Spire

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mansion

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pet shop

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florist

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bedroom

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surf club

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**WHAT GOES
WRONG!**

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**wall
collapses**

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broken leg

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storm**

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lightning

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storm

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flood

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bully
appears

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ghost
appears

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broken
arm

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car
accident

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**keys are
lost**

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**laptop
breaks**

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**roof blows
away**

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pet dies

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**mother
becomes ill**

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**father
becomes ill**

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**friend tells
a secret**

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**loses lottery
ticket**

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**electricity
cut off**

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**water cut
off**

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blizzard

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car crash

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**loses their
way**

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**trips and
falls**

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can't swim

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**can't find
way out**

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**loses
purse/wallet**

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**gets on
wrong train**

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**gets on
wrong bus**

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**gets on
wrong plane**

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**trips over
dog**

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**spaceship
lands**

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tornado

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tsunami

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**trousers fall
down**

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**loses their
memory**

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**falls down a
well**

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**is
kidnapped**

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HELPS?**

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doctor

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**fire
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coach**

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**St. Bernard
dog**

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beautician

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cleaner

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priest

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nun

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ranger**

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principal

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LAST?**

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Disneyland

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hospital

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garage

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final**

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joy

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relaxation

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fire

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lightning

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elation

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sorrow

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