



**NEW
DIGITAL
LITERACY
TOOL!**

Story Box Library (SBL) introduces

STORY TOOLS





Lessons featuring Australia's most visionary book creators

Engage students with video lessons packed full of useful tips and tricks related to the lesson focus.

- Lessons delivered by popular and award-winning authors and illustrators
- Sharing their experienced tips and tools for building a great story
- Content that is fun, memorable, short and most importantly, captures and holds students attention





What is Story Tools?

Story Tools is a new story writing series that helps students in grades 3-6 master the mechanics of storytelling.

Developed to fill a gap in narrative storytelling via digital content in the Australian curriculum, Story Tools supports student creativity, literacy and learning to create confident storytellers.

Story Tools includes short video tutorials presented by Australia's most visionary and diverse children's book creators. Each video is accompanied by a full suite of lesson resources to model techniques, engage student interest, and support them with developing story writing skills and understandings.





Key benefits for educators

Story Tools is designed by educators for educators, benefitting every learner by:

- Supporting classroom writing programs for Y3-6 students focusing on 'narrative story writing'
- Offering a comprehensive course forming the basis of the narrative writing unit or flexibility for different classroom needs
- Including comprehensive educator materials to help scaffold students learning
- Encouraging library use with lessons designed for the school library
- Delivering classroom ready content that encourages students to:
 - Engage with books and reading
 - Expand their reading taste and preferences
 - Build students awareness and understanding of story genres
 - Share insights behind book development, including 'behind-the-scenes' publishing industry lessons
 - Provide context for students own creative work





Key benefits for students

Story Tools engages young writers with exciting resources that benefit students by:

- Boosting students confidence in their creativity
- Encouraging students to develop personal connections to their writing
- Inspiring students to write
- Providing students with simple and fun tools to overcome creative challenges
- Supporting students with techniques to plan and structure their writing.
- Providing a real-world application of story making techniques from notable authors and illustrators
- Enhancing students understanding of the mechanics of narrative story writing with:
 - Simple breakdowns of concepts
 - Activities that encourage exploration and experimentation.



What Educators are saying...

"Helpful for teachers who need high quality resources"

Karys, Secondary educator.

"A lot of detail was really useful... covered everything"

*Sally, Teacher Librarian
[On Lesson Plans]*

"Activities that are easy to roll out"

Karys, Primary & Secondary educator.

"It's a great tool to have in the tool box... sometimes a plan isn't going to work, I've got this"

*Danielle,
Teacher Librarian*

"Open ended, so versatile across year levels"

Jackie, Primary educator.



3 easy steps to start using Story Tools

Step 1
Share short
video with
students.



Upper Primary Lesson Plan & Resources

Series 1 Lesson 1: Story Sparks – LESSON PLAN

- **Resource 1:** 'What Ifs' in your world WORKSHEET
- **Resource 2:** 'What Ifs' in your world ERNIE EXAM
- **Resource 3:** Landscape Images REFERENCE
- **Resource 4:** The Stories in the Picture WORKS

Middle Primary Lesson Plan & Resources

Series 1 Lesson 1 Story Sparks – LESSON PLAN

- **Resource 1:** 'What Ifs' in your world WORKSHEET
- **Resource 2:** 'What Ifs' in your world ERNIE EXAMPLE
- **Resource 3:** Landscape Images REFERENCE
- **Resource 4:** The Stories in the Picture WORKSHEET

Step 2
Download
resource
packages.

Step 3
Get your
Students
started!



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STORY SPARKS

WHERE DO STORYTELLERS GET THEIR IDEAS?

STORY TOOLS SERIES 1, LESSON 1
UPPER PRIMARY LESSON PLAN

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1. Introduction

ACTIVITY 1

'WHAT IFs' IN YOUR WORLD

Answer some questions about yourself and your favourite things in the world right now. Invent some fun, unique, interesting or just plain weird scenarios – and see if any of the little or big things in your life can spark a new story idea!

LEARNING INTENTION

1. We are learning about story inspiration by using prompts to consider some of the everyday things in our lives that could give us story ideas.

2. We are thinking about ways to expand our ideas, and asking questions in order to develop ordinary, commonplace things into fictional stories.

SUCCESS CRITERIA

1. I have identified different ways I can find inspiration for story ideas.

ACTIVITY 2

THE STORIES IN THE PICTURE

Finding inspiration through visuals and images in the world around them is a really common way that writers come up with story ideas. This can be a great strategy to help spark your imagination if you are struggling for story inspiration. This activity will help you think about how important it is to always keep your eyes open – you never know where a good story idea might be waiting!

LEARNING INTENTION

1. We are learning about interpreting pictures, and using our imaginations to draw story inspiration from visual images.

2. We are learning about experimenting with ideas, and trying out different ways to find story sparks.

SUCCESS CRITERIA

1. I can use images and pictures to find story ideas.

'WHAT IFs' IN YOUR WORLD

JOT DOWN YOUR FAVOURITE:

Hobby
Book
Song
Class
Animal
Toy
Memory

Choose one thing you have listed.

What if...?



ERNE'S FAVOURITE HOBBY

Travelling and exploring new places



Upper Primary

What if...?

1 Ernie caught the wrong plane and ended up in the desert instead of the beach?

2

What if...?
Ernie went on a holiday and made a new friend who showed him the sights?

3

What if...?
Ernie found an enchanted ticket for a mysterious magical flying bus?

4

What if...?
Ernie's train to the seaside was taken over by a gang of pirate mermaids?!

Resource No. 2 Series No. Lesson No. NAME _____

Resource materials to support Educators

Designed by educators for educators, Story Tools resources cater for Middle Primary (Y3-4) and Upper Primary (Y5-6).

Each short lesson tutorial includes downloadable resources to print:

- **Lesson Plans**
 - Pre and post video discussion prompts
 - Curriculum links
 - Two activities
 - Additional activity/extension ideas
 - Glossary of creators
- **Two Activities per lesson**
- **Lesson Resource Extras**
 - Worksheet and example worksheet
 - Reference posters
 - Examples to model writing
 - Writing prompts



3 Series, 36 Lessons, 36 + Industry Experts

Our series covers diverse lesson topics to explore all aspects of storytelling, guided by Australia's most visionary book creators. See our expansive list of lesson topics below.

AVAILABLE NOW! SERIES 1 Lesson Titles:	LAUNCHING JUNE 2023 SERIES 2 Lesson Titles:	LAUNCHING FEB 2024 SERIES 3 Lesson Titles:	
L1 STORY SPARKS	L1 PLOTTERS AND PANTSERS	L1 ALL ABOUT CONFLICT	STORY CRAFT Building blocks, story-making tools, tips and tricks
L2 HOOKING YOUR READER	L2 STAYING INSPIRED	L2 PLOT TWISTS AND STORY SURPRISES	
L3 THE STORY BUILDING BLOCKS	L3 SHOW DON'T TELL	L3 PLACE AND TIME	
L4 ALL ABOUT PLOT	L4 BUILDING A PICTURE BOOK	L4 THE END	
L5 WRITING CHARACTERS	L5 HEROS AND VILLANS	L5 ALL ABOUT VOICE	CREATING CHARACTERS
L6 INTRODUCING ILLUSTRATED STORIES	L6 ILLUSTRATING A BOOK COVER	L6 STORYBOARDING	ILLUSTRATION Behind the scences, tips and techniques
L7 DRAWING CHARACTERS	L7 ILLUSTRATION STYLES	L7 FROM SKETCH TO FINISHED ART	
L8 ALL ABOUT GENRE	L8 GRAPHIC STORYTELLING	L8 STORIES WITHOUT WORDS	EXPLORING STORY FORMS
L9 RHYMING STORIES	L9 ALL ABOUT NON FICTION	L9 ALL ABOUT ZINES	
L10 ALL ABOUT PICTURE BOOKS	L10 RESEARCHING NON FICTION	L10 AUDIO FICTION	
L11 EDITING	L11 THE BOOK FACTORY	L11 BOOK DESIGN	INSIDE PUBLISHING
L12 READING STORIES	L12 PERFORMANCE STORYTELLING	L12 MAKING A READING SPACE	BECOMING A READER





3 ways to integrate Story Tools into lesson plans

We understand that educators plan their learning, language and literacy program months in advance. Our industry experts and educator advisors recommend the following ways to easily integrate Story Tools into your curriculum and classroom or library and writing clubs to support programming.

1 Flexible delivery in any order that best suits your classroom needs, learning objectives or library and writing club delivery. Browse lesson titles and descriptions to identify lessons that support your classroom writing program and school library lessons.

2 Lessons linked to the Australian Curriculum - English, as well as General Capabilities such as Critical and Creative Thinking. All relevant curriculum links are listed in lesson plans.

3 Lessons can support events like

- Children's Book Week
- Writing Clubs
- Using activities on book creation
- Expanding students awareness of, and interest in, AU children's literature.
- Connecting the students with authors and illustrators with your library collection.



Try before you buy. Obligation free.

We understand that educators need to review a resource thoroughly to determine its suitability and viability.

That's why you can register to access a **free lesson** from **Series 1 - Story Sparks**, for as long as you need to evaluate and experience first hand.

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We've put together a useful Planning Guide to help you pitch a Story Tools subscription to your peers, leadership team and school business managers for resource selection.

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- Closed Captions
- Search Filters
- Curriculum-backed supporting resources



- Professional Quality
- Ad-free and safe for kids of all ages



Story Box Library and Story Tools is committed to showcasing the power of stories to children as tools to help us communicate, connect, learn, empathise, analyse, evaluate, grow, as well as provoking curiosity, discussion, imagination, play and inspiration!

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