



# Telling a GOOD STORY



Whether your movie is a comedy, drama, or action-packed adventure, you need to start with the story.

## Movie Lingo

Learn these terms, and you'll sound like a big-time movie-maker!



### CHARACTER

Any important person in the story.



### SETTING

Where the story takes place.



### MAIN CHARACTER

Also known as the hero or heroine. The story follows this character, and the story ends with his or her success.



### PROP

An object that helps a character move the story along.



### VILLAIN

This character starts mischief and keeps the main character from getting what he or she wants.



### SCRIPT

A story that's been written down. It tells us everything that happens in the movie and everything the characters say.

# Stuck on a Story

Everyone has a story to tell, but sometimes you need an idea to kick-start your creativity.

### Here's some to get you started!

Retell your favorite fairy tale with a different main character.

Describe and act out a book you've read.

Explain an idea that you learned in science class this year.

Create a talk show with your friends and family voicing the guests.

# Storyboards

Animators draw out a storyboard before they start posing and shooting their figures. A storyboard looks like a page from a comic book and shows the whole movie.

Each square shows a different shot in your movie. Draw some stick figures, and use arrows to show where they move.

In the space under each box, write any notes to yourself to describe what the characters do and say.

## Storyboard Example



"Stop, thief!"



Policeman sees crook.



Runs down street.



Crook slips on banana.



"Gotcha!"



"Thank you, officer!"

## Finish This Storyboard

A story needs three things: a beginning, middle, and an end. Each of these stories has a beginning and an end, but somehow the middle went missing! Doodle in the missing frames however you want. Write what's happening in the spaces below the squares.

### Out of This World



"Nothing exciting ever happens around here . . ."



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"Wow! Mars!"

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### PARENTS!

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# Storyboard Template

My movie title



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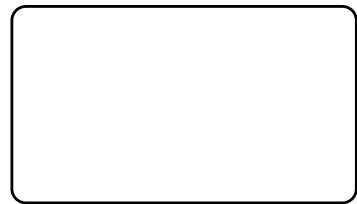
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