

ADVENTURE STORY STUDIO



A CREATIVE WRITING
COMPANION PACK

This Creative Writing Workshop is a stand alone activity, but was intended to be paired with Creature Curriculum's year-long study and fits within September's greater theme of Oceans and Seas.

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GETTING STARTED: A MUST READ

The Adventure Story Studio pack is designed to guide your child through creating their own adventure story each month, encouraging creativity, enhancing writing skills, and building a love for storytelling. Here's just one suggestion on how to break up the process. But remember - let your writer lead! If they have moments of inspiration, don't hold them back!

WEEK 1: INTRODUCE THE STORY AND START BRAINSTORMING

- **Read the Adventure Story Aloud:** Start by reading this month's "CREATURE QUEST" aloud to your child. Make it an engaging experience by using expressive voices and pauses to build excitement.
- **Discuss the Story:** After reading, discuss the setting, the animals, the adventure, and any new vocabulary words. Ask your child what they liked about the story, what surprised them, or what they would have done differently. This discussion helps deepen their understanding and sparks their creativity.
- **Begin Brainstorming:** Right after the discussion, let your child start brainstorming their own adventure. Use the brainstorming sheets included in the pack to help them come up with ideas for their own story in the same habitat. Encourage them to think about what animals they might encounter, what challenges they might face, and how they would solve them.

WEEK 2: PLANNING AND DRAFTING

- **Develop the Story Plan:** Use the ideas from the brainstorming session to plan the adventure. For younger children, this might involve drawing pictures or using toys to act out scenes. Older children can outline their story, noting key events and characters.
- **First Draft:** Have your child start writing (or drawing) their adventure story. Remind them that this is just a first draft, and it's okay to make changes later. The goal is to get their ideas down on paper.

WEEK 3: CREATIVE WRITING CONCEPT AND REVISION

- **Introduce the Writing Concept:** As your child works on their draft, introduce this month's creative writing concept. Spend some time learning about it together, discussing how they can apply it to their story.
- **Revise the Story:** Use the included checklists to review the story together. Focus on the writing concept for the month (e.g., bringing action words to life) and guide them in making revisions. Encourage them to think about how their story can be improved or made more exciting.

WEEK 4: FINAL DRAFT AND SHARING

- **Finalize the Story:** After revising, it's time to create the final draft. Encourage your child to add any final touches, such as illustrations or a title page.
- **Share the Story:** Celebrate their hard work by sharing the story with family and friends. They can read it aloud, show off their illustrations, or even act out the adventure. Sharing their work helps build confidence and makes the experience more rewarding.

WRITING LEVELS: AN OVERVIEW

The goal of Adventure Story studio is to encourage children to become storytellers, whether through writing, illustrations, or hands-on creations. By the end of the year, each child will have a collection of adventures, personalized with their unique creative touch.

MONTHLY STORIES:

Each month, a new adventure story is offered as a Writers Workshop Companion Pack. And each month children create one chapter of their grand adventure! By the end of the year, they'll have a complete book of stories, whether written, illustrated, or built. *This 'book' becomes a beautiful way to see their growth as a writer!*

MEET YOUR STUDENT AT THEIR LEVEL:

Young Storytellers:

Storytelling through different mediums. This group might not be writing yet, but they are full of stories to share!

- Verbal Storytelling: Kids can narrate their stories aloud, either to a parent, a teacher, or even record themselves.
- Illustrations: Drawing pictures to represent their stories.
- Creative Builds: Using clay, blocks, or other materials to build scenes from their stories.
- Early Writing Skills: For those starting to write, they can label their illustrations with simple words or phrases.

Rising Authors:

Foundational writing skills, with an emphasis on building confidence in written expression.

- Skills include capital letters, punctuation, quotation marks, and parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives).
 - Storytelling: Writing simple sentences to accompany their illustrations.
 - Guided Writing: Parents or teachers can help them expand their ideas into more complete sentences.
 - Revising and Editing: Focusing on basic grammar and punctuation as they refine their stories each month.

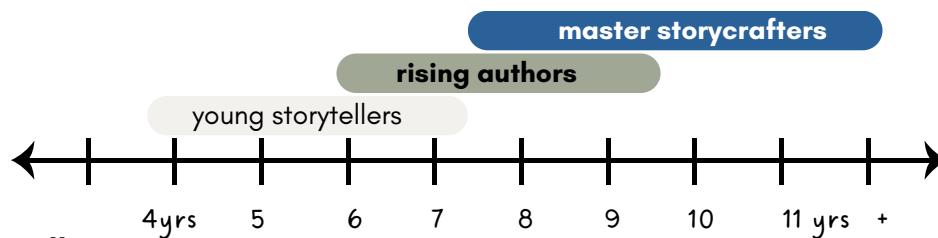
Master Storycrafters:

Developing more complex writing skills, including character development, descriptive language, and dialogue.

- Skills include advanced grammar, narrative structure, character development, & dialogue.
 - Brainstorming: Outlining their adventure and deciding on the main events.
 - Writing: Composing each chapter with attention to detail and creativity.
 - Revising and Editing: Focusing on improving sentence structure, using descriptive language, and ensuring coherence in their storytelling.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT LEVEL

This workshop is meant to foster a love for storytelling, so feel free to move between groups or adapt activities as needed to keep the experience fun and engaging. The goal is for your child to **enjoy** the creative process, not to get frustrated with the writing!



Young Storytellers

- **Who It's For:** This group is perfect for our youngest creators who are just beginning to explore the world of storytelling. If your child loves to tell stories aloud, draw pictures, or build scenes with their toys or clay, they'll thrive as a young Storyteller.
- **Foundational Skills:** At this stage, children are still developing their verbal communication skills, starting to express their ideas creatively, and learning to use art and play to share their stories. They may be recognizing letters and even sight words but are not yet focused on writing full sentences.
- **Activities:** Verbal storytelling, illustrating stories, building scenes with clay or blocks, and early writing (labeling pictures).

Rising Authors

- **Who It's For:** Rising Authors are young writers who are beginning to turn their imaginative ideas into written stories. If your child is starting to write short paragraphs and enjoys expressing themselves on paper, this group is a great fit.
- **Foundational Skills:** Children in this group are building their writing skills by learning to construct complete sentences and short paragraphs. They focus on using capital letters, punctuation, and basic grammar, such as nouns, verbs, and adjectives, while starting to create simple narratives with a clear beginning, middle, and end.
- **Activities:** Writing guided prompts, expanding vocabulary and descriptive language, revising and editing with attention to grammar and sentence structure, and crafting short, cohesive stories that emphasize clarity and creativity.

Master Storycrafters

- **Who It's For:** This group is ideal for older children who are ready to take their storytelling to the next level. If your child enjoys writing longer stories, developing characters, and using descriptive language, they'll find a home among the Master Storycrafters.
- **Foundational Skills:** These young writers are refining their narrative skills, focusing on elements like character development, point of view, dialogue, and plot structure. They are learning how to craft more engaging and polished stories, with attention to detail and coherence.
- **Activities:** Advanced writing techniques, revising and editing for style and clarity, exploring different narrative perspectives, and creating well-rounded characters and plots.

MATERIAL LIST

Below you'll find a list of recommended materials to have in order to complete this Writers Workshop . This list includes basic supplies as well as optional tools that can enhance the creative process, allowing flexibility depending on each child's preferences.

CREATIVE WRITING PROCESS MATERIALS

- **Paper:** Lined paper, plain paper, or story template sheets. (provided)
- **Pencils:** Regular pencils, colored pencils for added creativity.
- **Erasers:** To help with editing and revising.
- **Crayons/Markers:** For illustrations, especially for younger children.
- **Art Supplies:** for learners who want to bring the story to life.
- **Highlighters:** To mark important ideas or sections during revisions.
- **Stapler/Binders:** To create booklets or bind the final stories.
- **Revision Checklists:** To revise their rough drafts (provided)
- **Story Planning Sheets:** Templates for brainstorming and outlining stories (provided)



PARENT/EDUCATOR **LESSON** **GUIDES**

SETTING THE FOUNDATION

LESSON: YOUNG STORYTELLERS

LESSON: RISING AUTHORS

LESSON: MASTER STORYCRAFTERS

VOCABULARY

BEGINNER VOCABULARY:

Glided

Sentence: "The manta ray glided through the water with wings that seemed to stretch forever."

Definition: To move smoothly and quietly, like sliding.

Muffled

Sentence: "Rowan pointed, his voice muffled by his snorkel."

Definition: A sound that is not clear or loud, often because something is covering it.

Gills

Sentence: "And they do those rolls to catch plankton while letting water pass through their gills."

Definition: Organs on the side of a fish or aquatic creature that help it breathe underwater.

Snorkel

Sentence: "Rowan asked, adjusting his mask. Parker was already peeking into the water, eager to dive in."

Definition: A tube that allows a person to breathe while swimming with their face in the water.

Plankton

Sentence: "And they do those rolls to catch plankton while letting water pass through their gills."

Definition: Tiny plants and animals that float in the water and are eaten by many sea creatures.

INTERMEDIATE VOCABULARY:

Eager

Sentence: "Parker was already peeking into the water, eager to dive in."

Definition: Wanting very much to do or have something.

Tangled

Sentence: "The calf was struggling, tangled in what looked like a fishing net."

Definition: Twisted together in a way that makes it difficult to straighten out.

Steady

Sentence: "Rowan said, his voice steady but concerned."

Definition: Firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or likely to fall over.

Emerged

Sentence: "Are you okay?" Parker asked as Rowan emerged, breathing hard."

Definition: To come out into view or to become visible after being hidden.

Determined

Sentence: "With a determined look, Parker took a deep breath and dove down without hesitation."

Definition: Having made a firm decision and being resolved not to change it.

Definition: A sound that reflects off a surface and is heard again.

GLANCE AT THIS MONTH'S CONCEPTS

YOUNG STORYTELLERS: EMBRACING CREATIVITY

- **Description:** This month the youngest writers will dive into the world of storytelling by using their imaginations to create tales through illustrations, verbal storytelling, or even building scenes with clay. The focus is on expressing their ideas in any form that feels natural to them.
- **How They'll Learn:** These young storytellers will be encouraged to share their stories aloud, create drawings to accompany their tales, or build their stories using creative materials. For those beginning to write, labeling their illustrations with simple words will help bridge the gap between storytelling and writing. The goal is to spark a love for storytelling without worrying about perfection.

RISING AUTHORS: ACTION WORDS AND SOUND EFFECTS

- **Description:** Junior writers will focus on mastering the use of action words (verbs) and sound effects. They'll learn to recognize how these elements bring their stories to life, making their writing more exciting and engaging.
- **How They'll Learn:** As they draft their adventure story, children will practice using strong action words to describe what's happening and incorporating sound effects to enhance the excitement. Activities may include replacing simple verbs with more descriptive ones, adding sound effects to their stories, and identifying moments where action words and sound effects can be improved. The emphasis is on celebrating their effort and creativity, encouraging a love for writing through dynamic and lively storytelling.

MASTER STORYCRAFTERS: POINT OF VIEW

- **Description:** Older writers will explore the concept of point of view in storytelling. They'll learn about first-person, third-person, and even omniscient perspectives, and the impact each has on how a story is told.
- **How They'll Learn:** Students will choose a point of view for their adventure story, then work on maintaining consistency throughout the narrative. Exercises may involve rewriting a scene from a different perspective, discussing how point of view affects the reader's connection to the story, and identifying examples of point of view in books they've read. The focus is on encouraging creativity and helping them see the world from different angles.

A NOTE TO PARENTS AND EDUCATORS

The main goal this month is to get kids excited about storytelling and writing. Don't worry so much about spelling mistakes or perfect grammar. The focus should be on celebrating their creativity, their ideas, and their enthusiasm for crafting their adventures. Let's make this the beginning of a lifelong love for writing!

YOUNG STORYTELLERS:

lesson guide : embracing creativity

Step 1: Introduce Storytelling

1. Read the Adventure Story Aloud: Begin by reading the included adventure story to your child. Engage them with expressive voices, asking them to imagine what it would be like to be part of the adventure.
2. Discuss the Story: After reading, talk about the characters, setting, and events in the story. Ask your child what they liked, what surprised them, and how they would change the story if they were telling it. This is a great time to use a few of the included conversation cards.
3. Introduce Storytelling Methods: Explain that there are many ways to tell a story—through talking, drawing, or even building with toys. Let your child choose how they'd like to start telling their own adventure story.

Step 2: Start Creating the Story - Choose the Approach

1. Verbal Storytelling: Encourage your child to start their story by telling it out loud. Prompt them with questions to help guide the flow of their tale, such as "What happens next?" or "Who are the characters in your story?"
2. Illustrations and Creative Builds: If your child prefers to draw or build, provide them with materials like paper, crayons, clay, or blocks. Let them create scenes from their story, representing the beginning, middle, and end of their adventure.
3. Early Writing: For children beginning to explore writing, suggest they label their drawings or write simple words or short sentences related to their story. They can also try writing their name or the names of the characters.

Step 3: Expanding the Story

1. Activity Story Box: Gather materials like small toys, clay, or additional drawing supplies. Let your child use these to expand on their story, adding new scenes or details. Encourage them to tell you about their adventure as they create it.
2. Ask Questions: Use the discussion points to help your child think more deeply about their story. Ask them about the characters, the setting, and the plot, guiding them to expand their narrative and add more details.

Step 4: Finalizing and Sharing

1. Review and Finalize: Spend some time reviewing your child's story together. Whether they've told it verbally, through pictures, or by building scenes, ask them if they'd like to add any final touches or details.
2. Sharing the Story: Celebrate their creativity by sharing the story with family or friends. Your child can tell their story aloud, show off their drawings or builds, or even act out parts of the adventure. Sharing their work helps boost confidence and pride in their storytelling abilities.

YOUNG STORYTELLERS:

conversation cards

Who is the hero
in your story?

What happens
first in your
story?

Where does your
story take place?

What problem
does the hero
face?

How does the
hero solve the
problem?

Does anyone help
the hero in your
story?

What sounds do
you hear in your
story?

What happens at
the end of your
story?

If you could add
one more thing
to your story,
what would it
be?

additional conversation cards

What is the
biggest challenge
the main
character faces?

Does your story
have a funny
part?

Who is the main
character's best
friend in the
story?

What does your
character learn
by the end of the
adventure?

Where does your
character go
after the
adventure is
over?

If your character
could talk to an
animal, what
would they say?

What would your
character do if
they found a
hidden treasure?

What kind of
weather is
happening in your
story?

Did anything
surprise your
character?

RIISING AUTHORS

lesson guide: action words and sound effects

Step 1: Introducing the Adventure and Brainstorming

1. Read the Adventure Story Aloud: Start the week by reading the adventure story together. Encourage your child to listen closely to the action and the excitement in the story.
2. Discuss the Story: After reading, talk about the story's action scenes and any sound effects mentioned. Ask your child what made these scenes exciting and memorable.
3. Introduce the Concept of Action Words and Sound Effects: Explain that this month, they'll be focusing on making their own stories come alive with strong action words and sound effects. Provide examples from the story you just read.
4. Brainstorming Session: Encourage your child to start brainstorming their adventure story. Use the brainstorming sheets to help them think of exciting action scenes and sounds they might include. Focus on how they can use strong verbs and sound effects to make their story engaging.

Step 2: Planning and Drafting

1. Story Planning: Help your child develop a plan for their adventure story. Encourage them to think about where they can use action words and sound effects. Discuss what actions their characters might take and what sounds would naturally occur in the scenes they're imagining. Use the included planning documents to break out their ideas!
2. First Draft Writing: Have your child start writing their first draft, focusing on getting their ideas down. Remind them to use the action words and sound effects they brainstormed. Let them know it's okay to make changes later, and that this draft is just the beginning.

Step 3: Enhancing the Story with Action Words and Sound Effects

1. Action Word and Sound Effect Hunt: After the first draft is complete, introduce the activity of hunting for places to enhance the story. Encourage your child to go back through their draft and find opportunities to replace weaker verbs with stronger ones and to add sound effects where they might be missing.
2. Introduce the Revision Checklist: Share the revision checklist with your child, helping them focus on where they can add or improve action words and sound effects. Work together to make the story more dynamic and thrilling.

Step 4: Finalizing and Sharing

1. Final Revisions: Guide your child through making final revisions, using the checklist to ensure their story is filled with vivid action and exciting sound effects.
2. Create the Final Draft: Help your child prepare their final draft. Encourage them to add any illustrations, a title page, or other creative elements they'd like to include.
3. Share the Story: Celebrate your child's hard work by sharing their story with family or friends. They can read it aloud, act it out, or present it with their illustrations. Emphasize the importance of their creativity and the new skills they've learned.

MASTER STORYCRAFTERS

lesson guide: point of view

Step 1: Introducing the Story and Point of View

1. Read the Adventure Story Aloud: Start by reading the included adventure story with your child. Encourage them to pay attention to who is telling the story and how much they know about the characters.
2. Discuss Point of View: After reading, introduce the concept of point of view (POV) in storytelling. Explain that POV is the perspective from which the story is told and discuss the different types of POV—first person, third person limited, and third person omniscient.
3. Identify the Story's POV: Ask your child to identify the POV used in the adventure story you just read. Discuss how this POV affects their understanding of the characters and events.

There are three main types of POV:

First Person: The story is told directly by a character, using "I" or "we." This POV makes the story personal and allows readers to experience events through the character's eyes.

Example: "I swam alongside the giant manta ray, feeling the rush of water with each graceful movement."

Third Person Limited: The story is told from an outside perspective, focusing on only one character's thoughts and feelings. Other characters may be present, but not described with as much detail.

Example: "Rowan watched the manta ray glide through the water, his heart pounding with excitement. His sister swam nearby."

Third Person Omniscient: The story is told by an all-knowing narrator who can describe the thoughts and actions of all characters.

Example: "Rowan felt a surge of excitement as the manta ray passed by, while Parker, swimming beside him, marvelled at its enormous wingspan."

Step 2: Brainstorming and Drafting with POV in Mind

1. Story Brainstorming: Encourage your child to brainstorm their own adventure story, keeping in mind which POV they'd like to use. Help them consider how different POVs might change the way their story is told.
2. Drafting the Story: Have your child begin writing their first draft, using the chosen POV. Remind them to stay consistent with their POV throughout the story. Let them know it's okay to explore different perspectives if they're unsure which one they prefer.

lesson guide: point of view

Step 3: Experimenting with Different Points of View

1. Point of View Practice: Introduce the activity of rewriting a scene from their story in a different point of view. For example, if they wrote in third person limited, encourage them to try rewriting a small section of it in first person. This exercise helps them see how the story changes with different perspectives.
2. Review and Reflect: Discuss the differences they noticed when changing the POV. Which POV did they like better? How did the story feel different when told from another perspective?

Step 4: Revising and Finalizing the Story

1. Reviewing the Story's POV: Guide your child in reviewing their story to ensure the POV is consistent and effective. Use the revision checklist to help them focus on maintaining the chosen POV throughout the story.
2. Final Draft Preparation: Have your child make any final revisions, considering how their chosen POV enhances the story. Encourage them to add any finishing touches to their final draft, such as illustrations or a title page.
3. Sharing the Story: Celebrate their completed story by sharing it with others and proudly displaying it in your Creature Corner as it awaits the next chapter!



STUDENT WORKSHEETS

CHECKLIST: YOUNG STORYTELLERS

CHECKLIST: RISING AUTHORS

CHECKLIST: MASTER STORYCRAFTERS

STORYTELLING ADVENTURE

checklist: young storytellers

STEP 1: PICK YOUR STYLE. WILL YOU...

- ☐ Tell It? Share your story out loud.
- ☐ Draw It? Create pictures to show your adventure.
- ☐ Build It? Use toys or clay to build scenes from your story.
- ☐ Craft It? Create 2D art, paper plate animals, paintings or other.

STEP 2: THINK ABOUT YOUR STORY

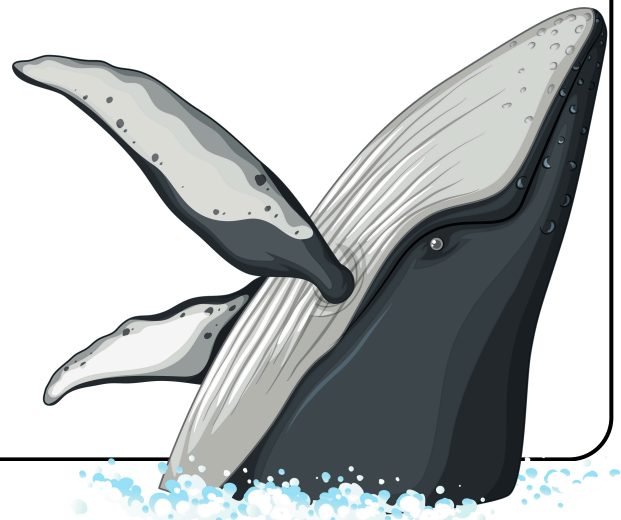
- ☐ Who's in it? Name your characters. What are they like?
- ☐ Where are they? Describe or draw where your story happens.
- ☐ What happens? Think about what your characters do. What's the big adventure?

STEP 3: CREATE YOUR STORY

- ☐ Start Your Adventure: What happens first?
- ☐ What's Next? What's the big event or problem?
- ☐ What Happens After? What comes next?
- ☐ End Your Story: How does it finish?

STEP 4: SHARE YOUR STORY

- ☐ Title It: Give your story a name.
- ☐ Show or Tell It: Share your story with someone special.



STORYTELLING ADVENTURE

Draw your adventure story in the spaces below.

1

First: (What happens at the start of the adventure?)

2

Then: (What happens next?)

4

After: (What happens after that?)

3

Lastly: (How does the adventure end?)

ACTION-PACKED WRITING

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BRINGING YOUR STORY TO LIFE WITH ACTION WORDS AND SOUND EFFECTS

What are Action Words?

Action words, also known as verbs, tell us what the characters in your story are doing. For example, instead of saying "Parker went to the boat," you could say "Parker sprinted to the boat." Which one sounds more exciting?

What are Sound Effects?

Sound effects are words that describe the sounds in your story, like "splash," "bang," or "whoosh." These words make your readers feel like they're right there with your characters.

WHY THESE MATTER

Using strong action words and sound effects helps your story jump off the page! Your readers can picture what's happening and feel like they're part of the adventure.

WHAT TO DO

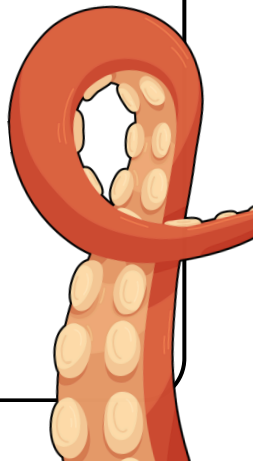
As you work on your adventure story, here are some tips to make it even more exciting:

1. Use Strong Action Words:

- Circle any action words in your story.
- Can you think of a stronger or more exciting word to replace them?
- For example, replace "walked" with "dashed" or "ran."

2. Add Sound Effects:

- Think about what your readers might hear in your story.
- Where could you add sound effects?
- For example, "The sail made a loud whoosh as it caught the wind."



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ACTIVITY: ACTION WORD AND SOUND EFFECT HUNT

After you've written your first draft, go back and see where you can make your story even more exciting!

1. Action Words:

- Write down two action words you used and how you improved them:

◦ Action Word 1: _____ improved to: _____

◦ Action Word 2: _____ improved to: _____

2. Sound Effects:

- Write down one place where you added a sound effect:

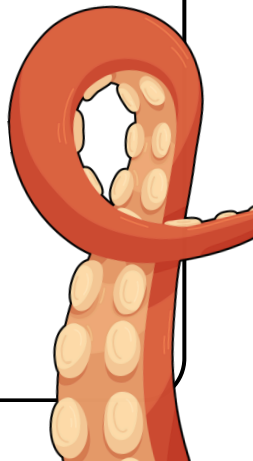
◦ Sound Effect: _____

ACTION WORDS

Dive
Glide
Drift
Plunge
Splash
Paddle
Propel
Glimpse
Observe
Glance
Watch
Focus
Notice
Grip (a rock)
Stroke (the water)
Clutch (a snorkel)
Drag (hands through water)
Shout (over the waves)
Giggle (as fish swim by)
Marvel (at the ocean's size)

SOUND EFFECTS

Splash
Whoosh
Gurgle
Roar (of the waves)
Swoosh (of a current)
Crash (of waves)
Click (of a whale's call)
Swoosh (of a fish swimming by)
Slap (of a tail on water)
Splash (from a leap)
Snap (of a clam shell)
Flap (of fins)
Gulp (of a feeding fish)
Thud (of an anchor dropping)
Creek (of a wooden boat)
Rattle (of oars)
Whistle (of wind in the sails)
Chop (of waves)
Thunder (over the ocean)
Roar (of an approaching storm)



ROUGH DRAFT REVISION

checklist: rising authors

ACTION WORDS

- ☐ Did I use strong action words to describe what's happening?
- ☐ Count how many action words you used in your story: _____
- ☐ Circle or underline each action word in your draft.
- ☐ Can you replace any of these words with even stronger or more exciting action words?
 - Example: Replace "said" with "shouted," "whispered," or "exclaimed."

SOUND EFFECTS

- ☐ Did I include sound effects to bring my story to life?
- ☐ Write down how many sound effects you added to your story: _____
- ☐ Go through your story and highlight each sound effect you included.
- ☐ Can you add more sound effects to make the story even more immersive?
 - Example: Instead of "the door closed," you could write "the door slammed shut with a bang."

DESCRIPTIVE DETAILS

- ☐ Did I describe what the characters are doing with vivid details?
- ☐ Look at the actions and sounds in your story—do they help the reader visualize and hear what's happening?
 - Example: Instead of "The whale swam away," you could write "The whale glided silently into the deep blue ocean."

FINAL TOUCHES

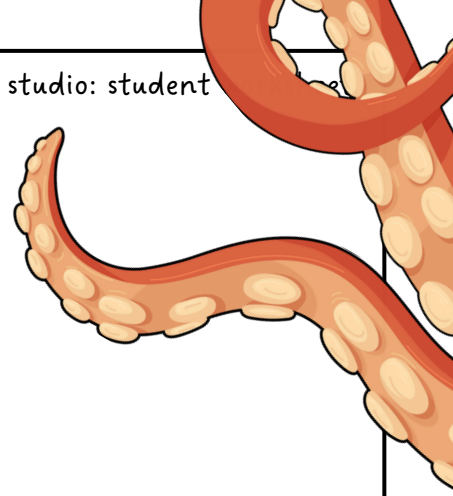
- ☐ Did I make sure all my sentences are clear and easy to understand?
- ☐ Does my story flow well from one event to the next?
- ☐ Did I double-check for any spelling or grammar mistakes?

TOTAL COUNTS

- Total number of strong action words: _____
- Total number of sound effects: _____

BONUS CHALLENGE

- ☐ Can you add one more exciting action word or sound effect to your story?
 - Action Word: _____
 - Sound Effect: _____



YOUR STORY, YOUR PERSPECTIVE

activity: master storycrafters

MASTER STORYCRAFTERS: MASTERING POINT OF VIEW IN YOUR STORY

WHAT IS POINT OF VIEW (POV)?

Point of view (POV) is the lens through which your readers experience your story. It determines who is telling the story and how much your readers know about the characters' thoughts, feelings, and actions. Choosing the right POV can change how your story feels and how deeply your readers connect with it.

TYPES OF POINT OF VIEW:

1. First Person:

- The story is told directly by a character, using "I" or "we." This POV allows readers to experience the story as if they are inside the character's mind.
- Example: "I swam alongside the giant manta ray, feeling the rush of water with each graceful movement."

2. Third Person Limited:

- The story is told from an outside perspective, focusing on the thoughts and feelings of one character. Readers see the world through this character's eyes, but from a slight distance.
- Example: "Rowan watched the manta ray glide through the water, his heart pounding with excitement. His sister swam nearby."

3. Third Person Omniscient:

- The story is told by an all-knowing narrator who knows everything about all the characters and events.
- Example: "Rowan felt a surge of excitement as the manta ray passed by, while Parker, swimming beside him, marveled at its enormous wingspan."

WHY POINT OF VIEW MATTERS:

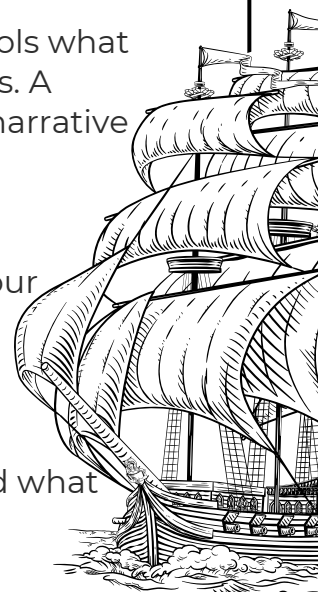
Your choice of POV shapes how readers connect with your story. It controls what they know, how they feel, and how they interpret your characters' actions. A consistent and well-chosen POV helps create a powerful and engaging narrative that keeps readers hooked.

WHAT TO DO:

As you craft your adventure story, consider how the POV can enhance your storytelling. Here are some steps to help you master this concept:

1. Choose Your POV:

- Decide whether first person, third person limited, or third person omniscient is the best fit for your story.
- Think about how each POV changes the way your story is told and what your readers experience.



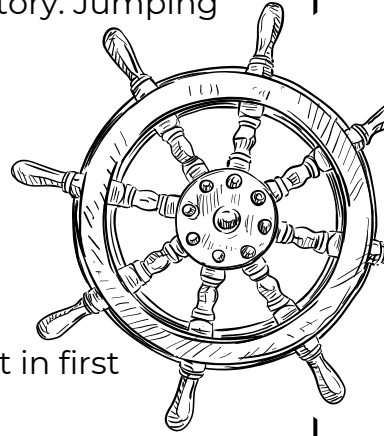
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2. Stay Consistent:

- Once you've chosen your POV, stick with it throughout your story. Jumping between different POVs can confuse your readers.

ACTIVITY: POINT OF VIEW PRACTICE

- Choose a Scene:
 - Pick a key moment in your story.
- Rewrite in a Different POV:
 - Rewrite the scene from a different point of view. If you wrote it in first person, try third person limited or omniscient.
- Reflect:
 - How did the story change with the new POV? Which version feels stronger or more engaging?



ROUGH DRAFT REVISION

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POINT OF VIEW SELECTION

- ☐ Have I clearly chosen a point of view (first person, third person limited, or third person omniscient) for my story?
- ☐ Does my chosen POV suit the type of story I'm telling and the experience I want my readers to have?

CONSISTENCY

- ☐ Is the point of view consistent throughout the entire story?
- ☐ Have I avoided accidentally slipping into a different POV within the same scene or paragraph?

CHARACTER PERSPECTIVE

- ☐ If using first person, have I stayed within the character's perspective without revealing information they wouldn't know?
- ☐ If using third person limited, have I focused on one character's thoughts and feelings without shifting to another character's perspective?
- ☐ If using third person omniscient, have I balanced the perspectives of multiple characters without confusing the reader?

READER ENGAGEMENT

- ☐ Have I considered how my chosen POV affects the reader's connection to the main character(s)?
- ☐ Does the POV allow readers to feel immersed in the story and connected to the characters' experiences?
- ☐ Have I used the POV to create suspense, empathy, or deeper understanding for the reader?

CLARITY AND FLOW

- ☐ Is the narrative clear and easy to follow from the chosen POV?
- ☐ Does the POV help the story flow smoothly from one scene to the next?

FINAL TOUCHES

- ☐ Did I make sure all my sentences are clear and easy to understand?
- ☐ Does my story flow well from one event to the next?
- ☐ Did I double-check for any spelling or grammar mistakes?



FLEXIBLE PLANNING AND DRAFTING RESOURCES

In the Adventure Story Studio, we recognize that every child has their own unique approach to storytelling. To support this, we've created a variety of resources to help your child brainstorm, plan, draft, and revise their stories.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- **Brainstorming Worksheets:** Different templates to help your child gather their ideas, from mind maps to question prompts. Perfect for children who need a young structure to kickstart their creativity.
- **Story Planning Sheets:** These guides help map out the plot, characters, and setting of the story. Ideal for children who like to see the big picture before diving into the writing process.
- **First Draft Templates:** These resources provide a structured way to begin writing, with options ranging from simple lined paper for younger writers to more detailed templates that encourage older children to think about paragraph structure and story flow.
- **Rough Draft Checklists:** Tools to help your child review their first draft and make improvements. These checklists are tailored to different age groups, helping younger children focus on basic sentence structure while encouraging older kids to refine their narrative and descriptive language.

HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES:

- **Choose What Works:** Your child doesn't need to complete every worksheet or follow every template. Pick the resources that align with your child's current writing level and their interest in the storytelling process. Whether they're more comfortable with drawing their ideas or diving straight into writing, there's a resource to support them.
- **Adapt to Your Needs:** These resources are meant to be tools, not strict assignments. Feel free to modify them to fit your child's learning style. Some children may prefer to brainstorm verbally with you, while others might enjoy filling out a detailed story map.

A NOTE TO PARENTS:

The Adventure Story Studio is about nurturing a love for storytelling. There's no one right way to plan or draft a story, so feel free to mix and match these resources based on what feels right for your child. The key is to keep the process enjoyable and stress-free, fostering creativity and a love for writing.