

Professional Development Storytelling as a Teaching Tool

In this two-hour workshop the participants practice and explore different methods to create stories on the spot without any books.

These methods require no materials, or use items that are readily available in the classroom; alternatively material can be created by the students that make them even more relevant when used.

The workshop provides teachers of all grades and subjects with a variety of storytelling methods that can be easily applied and widely used:

- Getting the attention of the group
- Introducing a new topic/making the students curious
- Applying a foreign language
- Making essay writing easy
- Filling in for another teacher on short notice/always having something fun up your sleeve
- Starting a group project
- Practicing listening skills
- Training the memory
- Inspire insight and new perspectives in group discussions in class
- Overcoming the fear of talking in front of a group
- Giving everybody a voice that makes a difference - even to the most quiet in the group → enhancing self-esteem
- Providing an environment that promotes imagination, creativity and playful thinking and exploring
- Encourage friendly communication

The interactive character of the workshop allows participants to find the method that they like best and get inspired by the ideas of others.

Participants are always pleasantly surprised to discover their own unique storytelling ability and the enjoyment of creating a story together.

What previous participants say:

I liked your storytelling workshop because that is exactly what we did: we told stories. Practical, hands on ways to tell six different types.

In education, if someone can learn three things in a workshop and use them, it is golden. We learned twice as many in just two hours!

Enjoyable, practical ways to learn the craft. Great teaching, Gudrun!

Richard, Teacher

I liked that it was so hands-on using quite simple but very effective ideas. Everything was relevant to a range of aged students and can be applied to teaching of different languages.

Emma Dorrell, Education Manager, ESF Language and Learning

I was impressed by how you kept us fully engaged with various fun techniques. You helped us build confidence in telling stories in a non-threatening way. I left the workshop with tools and new learned skills that I am keen to try out. The handout summarising the techniques covered and the list of resources are very useful references.

Anita Lo

It was informative, fun and delivered brilliantly, Well done!

Very well resourced and full of useful ideas for the classroom and beyond. Great workshop.

A well presented workshop with lots of tips and ideas to incorporate storytelling into lessons.

Very fun and practical. I really appreciated the ideas and the point that storytelling is an important tool.

*This workshop was a lot of fun too. I came away with ideas that I can't wait to use in my classroom!
Thank you, Gudrun :-)*

I loved this. Some great activities and ideas that I can use straight away this week.

Love how the visual aids help me to create a story.

*Learnt different ways of storytelling didn't know existed. Loved and enjoyed it ;-)
Thanks.*

INSPIRING. Engaging, fun and simple.

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