



# Story boxes

## What is it?

A story box is a miniature setting, a shoe box-sized stage with a background and objects within it relating to either a specific book, or to a common story scenario.

## Why do it?

Story boxes are a great resource to support children's exploration of stories. They form areas in which to retell a favourite story, as well as creative arenas for children to make up new stories too- encouraging talk, imagination and literacy skills.

## What can I do?

Encourage you child to create one! Choose a favourite story and create a scene from the story using art and craft materials. Share the story box with older or younger siblings asking some of the story box questions (see attached).





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## Book introduction

Who is the author?

What can you see on the front cover?

What do you think this book is going to be about?

Does the blurb give us any more clues?

Who do you think the characters are going to be?

## Recalling information from the book

Where does the story take place?

What did he/she/it look like?

Who was he/she/it?

Where did he/she/it live?

Who are the characters in the book?

## Giving reasons

What makes you think that?

How do you feel about?

Can you explain why?

I wonder why the author...?

Which words has the author used to show that this character is funny/naughty/mean/kind?

## Understanding what you have read

What do you think is happening here?

What happened in the story?

What might this mean?

Which part of the story best describes the...?

Which words or phrases do this?

What part of the story do you like the best?

## Discussing the story

Could this book be better?

Is it as good as?

Which did you prefer? Why?

Who was your favourite character?

Which was your favourite part of the story?