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Younger (5,6,7 years old) / lower level/ non reading writing

Pre- storytelling

□ Use pictures to illustrate key vocabulary or events in the story, ask questions

- □ Pre-teach key vocabulary orally
- □ Use real objects to teach key vocabulary
- □ Give a brief summary of the story in L1 first
- □ Personalise
- □ Chant, rhyme or song connected with the theme
- $\hfill\square$ Show them cardboard figures of characters/ places in the story and talk about these

While storytelling Teacher

- □ Dramatic voice
- Point to pictures
- □ Mime and gesture
- $\hfill\square$ Use sound effects
- □ Stopping and asking questions (encouraging prediction, asking opinions)

Pupils

- Listen
- □ Sequence pictures
- □ Holds up pictures (of objects/characters/scenes)
- □ Joining in with story
- □ Do gestures

After storytelling
Draw a picture of your favourite scene

- □ Make masks or finger puppets and act out the story
- □ Story chant (a simplified version of the story in a chant form)
- $\hfill\square$ Make a book of the story
- □ Make a class book of the story (each child makes one page)

Elementary level (8,9 years old)

Pre- storytelling
Show pictures connected to the story and ask questions about them

- □ Give words or phrases from the story and children guess what it is about
- □ Give children a picture from the story and children suggest words or
- phrases associated with it
- Personalise
- $\hfill\square$ Chant, rhyme or song connected with the theme
- □ Pre-teach key vocabulary orally

While storytelling Teacher

- □ Dramatic voice
- □ Point to pictures
- $\hfill\square$ Mime and gesture
- □ Use sound effects
- □ Stopping and asking questions (encouraging prediction, asking opinions)

Pupils

- Listen
- □ Sequence pictures
- □ Holds up pictures (of objects/characters/scenes)
- □ Joining in with story
- □ Do gestures
- □ Hold up words

After storytelling
Order events (simplified from the story)

- □ Draw pictures for each part of the story
- \Box (storyboard with simplified text)
- $\hfill\square$ Act out the story
- □ Retell the story making mistakes children have to correct you

Older/higher level (10,11 years old)

Pre- storytelling
Give some excerpts from the story (e.g. on handout) – children predict

what it's about

- □ Quiz about the topic
- □ Give children a picture from the story and children write phrases or questions about it
- Give title and children predict words they think will be in the story
- □ Give children questions about the story and they answer them
- □ Give children a gapped summary of the story

While storytelling Teacher

- □ Dramatic voice
- $\hfill\square$ Mime and gesture
- □ Use sound effects
- □ Ask questions for further information (details)
- □ Ask for a personal response What would you do?

Pupils

- □ Join in reading story
- Read in groups
- $\hfill\square$ Hold up words
- $\hfill\square$ Listen and sequence sentences

After storytelling
Children make up own questions about the story

- □ Order events
- □ Draw and write a storyboard
- □ Retell the story making mistakes children have to correct you
- □ Complete a worksheet about the story characters, settings, events, favourite scene etc
- □ Dictation and dictation of questions for pupils to add detail
- □ Children make changes to the story (e.g. different endings)