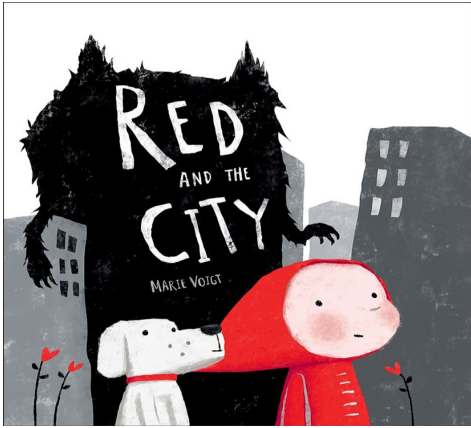


Red and the City



We will begin to look at the book 'Red and the City' by Marie Voigt. This picture book takes the classic fairy tale of 'Little Red Riding Hood', retelling it with a modern twist in which the villain is not a wolf. Instead, it is the dazzling city around her that leads Red off the path.

Can you create your own re-telling of a classic fairy tale, such as:

- Hansel and Gretel
- Cinderella
- Beauty and the Beast
- Jack and the beanstalk
- Three little pigs



Can you update this fairy tale for the year 2025, whilst keeping the moral of the story unchanged?

Turn this modern fairy tale in to a picture book that can be displayed in class for all to see.



Guess What?



This is a game for as many people in your family as possible and players must be split into two groups. The youngest player picks a room at home. You must all go sit in that room and pick one object in the room without letting anyone else know what you have chosen. You then have 1 minute to write a detailed description of that object, without mentioning its purpose or how it is used. You must try to include at least three adjectives and try to be as informative as possible. If your written description allows your other team member to correctly guess the object first then you win the round. Now pick another room to go into and choose another object. Keep writing descriptions, which include all the key information, to help discern what object has been picked. Try to think about what information you need to include and how you can you write it in a single sentence.

Stretch a Sentence!



Simple sentences refer to sentences which feature one subject and one verb. For example, 'The boy ran home.' However, simple sentences needn't be as simple as they suggest. They can include numerous adjectives and adverbs to add detail and sophistication to the writing. Have a look at the sentences below - can you stretch them out to make them more descriptive?

The cat burped.

The man screamed.

The child kicked the ball..

Can you think of any very simple sentences that you can challenge a grown up or sibling to stretch? How many words can you fit in a simple sentence before it becomes nonsensical? Try testing a grown up at home and ask them to stretch a sentence.

Relative Clauses



Have a look at this paragraph below...

Summer is finally here

Weather forecasters have confirmed that the hot weather, which arrived last week, is here to stay. According to Sunni Shine, who is chief weather reporter for the Weather Channel, temperatures look set to stay high until the end of the month.

Can you spot all of the relative clauses used in this writing? Now try to write a similar paragraph about Winter, which uses the same amount of relative clauses in similar positions. What special words do these clauses have to start with?