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“A Good Story” by Yuliya Ardasheva

*Suggested age/grade level: all*

Everyone likes a good story that:

- Captures the listener with a strong opening and colorful descriptions;
- Keeps the listener entertained with enough details about the characters and the settings;
- Carefully builds the plot with twists; and,
- Ends the story with a strong (‘explosive,’ ‘happy,’ ‘sad,’ ‘funny’) main idea or message.

Take turns with another person creating a story. As the first person begins the story, the others listen and prepare to add their part. Each person takes a turn adding their twists to the tale, careful to include details from the previous person’s portion. You can start simple by assigning each person a section of the story like “The beginning,” “The problem,” “The solution,” “The Ending.”

Have each person come up with their own ending, requiring it to be different than the other people’s ending. You will be pleasantly surprised with the fun in creating exciting and engaging stories!

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