



Spell Step Sort

Read each card. Which step of the Tale-Spinning Spell is it? Tick one box.



Step 1 Spin a story web



Step 2 Write sentences



Step 3 Sparkle and check

1

Put your story idea in the middle



☐ Step 1 ☐ Step 2 ☐ Step 3

2

Start the beginning with "One morning"



☐ Step 1 ☐ Step 2 ☐ Step 3

3

Add a describing word, like "giant"



☐ Step 1 ☐ Step 2 ☐ Step 3

4

Spin a strand for the characters



☐ Step 1 ☐ Step 2 ☐ Step 3

5

Check that each sentence starts with a capital letter



☐ Step 1 ☐ Step 2 ☐ Step 3

6

Write the end, starting with "At last"



☐ Step 1 ☐ Step 2 ☐ Step 3

7

Show how the characters feel



☐ Step 1 ☐ Step 2 ☐ Step 3

8

Write what goes wrong on the problem strand



☐ Step 1 ☐ Step 2 ☐ Step 3



Spin Rosa's Web

Read the story. For each web strand, underline the sentence that fills it. Then circle the answer.



Pemble's writing trick: draw a circle for your idea, spin five strands, and fill one strand at a time before you write a single sentence.

STORYBOOK The Morning the Rain Fell Up

One morning in Fablemoor, Rosa and her baby dragon Toffin saw something strange. The rain was falling up!

Next, they followed the drops to the top of Cloud Hill. There, they found the giant Rain Kettle, upside down.

At last, Toffin pushed, Rosa pulled, and Cirrabelle helped flip it over. The rain fell down, and everyone felt proud.

1 Who

Characters strand. Who is in the story? Underline the sentence.

Rosa and her baby dragon _____.

Choose from: Toffin · Pemble · Tindle

2 Where

Setting strand. Where and when does the story happen? Underline the sentence.

One morning, in _____.

Choose from: Pebbleford · the sea · Fablemoor

3 What

Problem strand. What goes wrong? Underline the sentence with the uh oh.

The rain was falling _____!

Choose from: down · up · slowly

4 What

Events strand. What did Rosa and Toffin find on Cloud Hill? Underline the sentence.

They found the giant Rain _____, upside down.

Choose from: Cloud · Kettle · Bucket

5 How

Solution strand. How is the problem fixed? Underline the sentence.

Toffin pushed, Rosa pulled, and Cirrabelle helped _____ it over.

Choose from: paint · hide · flip

6 How

Last part. How did everyone feel at the end? Underline the last sentence.

The rain fell down, and everyone felt _____.

Choose from: sleepy · proud · cross



Strand Match

Draw a line from each part of the story web to the question it answers.



Web parts



Idea



Characters



Setting



Problem



Events



Solution

? Questions



Where and when does it happen?



What goes wrong?



What happens, in order?



How is the problem fixed?



What is my story about?

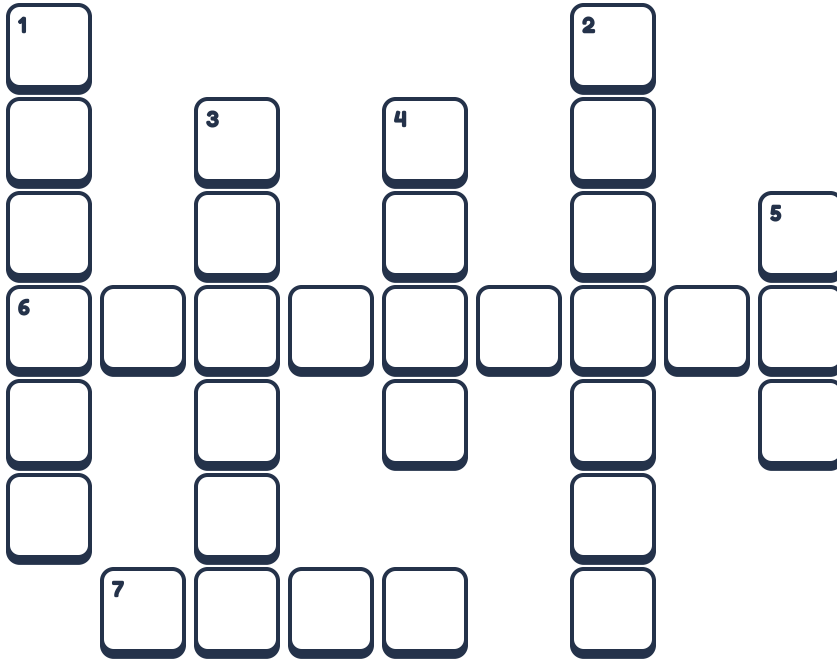


Who is in the story?



Story Spell Crossword

Read each clue. Write the missing writing word. One letter goes in each box.



1 down · 6 letters



One morning is a sentence ___ for the beginning.

2 down · 7 letters



Every sentence starts with a ___ letter.

3 down · 6 letters



Many sentences end with a ___.

4 down · 4 letters



Good writers make a ___ before they write.

5 down · 3 letters



A story ___ is a plan with your idea in the middle.

6 across · 9 letters



Writing a story is called ___ writing.

7 across · 4 letters



Your story ___ goes in the middle of the web.

Word bank: capital · idea · narrative · opener · period · plan · web



Story Web Word Hunt

Read each clue, write the missing word in the boxes, then find it in the grid and color it in. Words go across → or down ↓ only.



Q	G	V	B	Q	S	M	Z
L	X	K	B	G	T	I	X
S	Q	H	S	P	R	D	J
P	C	J	H	D	A	D	F
I	P	V	I	D	N	L	E
N	B	C	N	K	D	E	E
D	W	X	E	F	W	G	L
P	H	C	S	H	D	V	W

The story idea goes in the ___ of the web.



Each part of the story gets its own ___ on the web.



Idea in the middle, ___ the web around!



Make it sparkle! Show how the characters ___.



Capitals and periods, your story ___ through!



Stuck? Here are the words, upside down: middle · strand · spin · feel · shines



Sparkle and Check

Read Mateo's hurried sentence. Tick the sentence that is written correctly, the one with describing words, and the one that shows a feeling.



1

rosa saw a cloud

Step 1. Check it! Which sentence is written correctly?

- ☐ rosa saw a cloud. ☐ Rosa saw a cloud. ☐ Rosa saw a cloud

Step 2. Make it sparkle! Which sentence has describing words?

- ☐ Rosa saw a cloud. ☐ Rosa saw a fluffy, pink cloud.

Step 3. Which sentence shows a feeling?

- ☐ The cloud was in the sky. ☐ Rosa saw the cloud on Monday.
☐ Rosa felt happy when she saw the cloud.

Last step. How sure are you? 😞 ☐ 😊 ☐ 😄 ☐

2

toffin found the kettle

Step 1. Check it! Which sentence is written correctly?

- ☐ Toffin found the kettle. ☐ toffin found the kettle. ☐ Toffin found the kettle

Step 2. Make it sparkle! Which sentence has describing words?

- ☐ Toffin found the giant, shiny kettle. ☐ Toffin found the kettle.

Step 3. Which sentence shows a feeling?

- ☐ Toffin was scared of the big kettle. ☐ The kettle was blue. ☐ Toffin found it at noon.

Last step. How sure are you? 😞 ☐ 😊 ☐ 😄 ☐

3

cirrabelle flew over the hill

Step 1. Check it! Which sentence is written correctly?

- ☐ cirrabelle flew over the hill. ☐ Cirrabelle flew over the hill ☐ Cirrabelle flew over the hill.

Step 2. Make it sparkle! Which sentence has describing words?

- ☐ Cirrabelle flew over the hill. ☐ Cirrabelle flew over the tall, green hill.

Step 3. Which sentence shows a feeling?

- ☐ The hill was green. ☐ Cirrabelle felt proud and free. ☐ Cirrabelle has wings.

Last step. How sure are you? 😞 ☐ 😊 ☐ 😄 ☐



The Cloud Trail

A game for 2 to 4 players. You need a die (or number cards 1 to 6) and a coin or button for each player.



20  finish	19  Scramblewind: back to 12	18  question card	17	16
11  Cirrabelle up to 17	12	13	14  question card	15  Scramblewind: back to 8
10  question card	9	8	7  Cirrabelle up to 13	6
1 start	2	3  Cirrabelle up to 9	4	5  question card

How to play: Roll and move. Land on 🐾, 🌀 or 🏮? Another player reads you a question card. 🐾 Answer right to ride Cirrabelle up. 🌀 Answer right to zoom past Scramblewind, or go back. 🏮 Answer right to roll again. First to the badge wins!



Question Cards

Cut out the cards and put them face down in a pile. The answer is printed upside down at the bottom.



Question 1

What is narrative writing?



writing a story



writing a list



drawing a map

Answer: writing a story

Question 2

What do good writers do before they write?



take a nap



make a plan



close the book

Answer: make a plan

Question 3

What goes in the middle of a story web?



the solution



the ending



your story idea

Answer: your story idea

Question 4

Which strand answers the question, who is in the story?



characters



setting



problem

Answer: characters

Question 5

Which strand answers the question, what goes wrong?



solution



problem



setting

Answer: problem

Question 6

Which opener is best for the end of a story?



One morning



Next



At last

Answer: At last

Question 7

Read: The tiny bird sang a sweet song. Which word is a describing word?



tiny



bird



sang

Answer: tiny

Question 8

Which sentence is written correctly?

we went to the park. We went to the park.

We went to the park

Answer: We went to the park.

Question 9

What are the three steps of the Tale-Spinning Spell?



spin a web, write sentences, sparkle and check



read, draw, sleep



sing, dance, clap

Answer: spin a web, write sentences, sparkle and check

Question 10

Finish the chant. Capitals and periods, your story shines what?



through



slow



small

Answer: through



My Story Web

Final Challenge, step 1. Write a story about a surprising day. Write your idea in the middle, then fill each strand with words or pictures.



Characters

Who is in the story?



Setting

Where and when?



My story idea



Solution

How is it fixed?



Problem

What goes wrong?



Events

What happens? Beginning, middle, end



My Story

Final Challenge, step 2. Turn your web into sentences. Then make it sparkle and check it.



Title: _____

Beginning. One morning, ... Tell who, where and when, and the problem.

Middle. Next, ... or Suddenly, ... Tell what the characters do.

End. At last, ... or Finally, ... Tell how the problem is fixed, and how the characters feel.

Check it! ☐ My story has a title. ☐ I used a describing word. ☐ I showed a feeling. ☐ Every sentence starts with a capital letter. ☐ Every sentence ends with a period, ? or !



Story Web Spinner!



spun a story web, wrote it into sentences and earned the Story Web Spinner Badge

Narrative writing is writing a story. Good writers make a plan first, with a story web: a graphic organizer with the story idea in the middle and strands for the characters (who), setting (where and when), problem (what goes wrong), events (what happens, in order) and solution (how it is fixed). Step 1: spin a story web. Step 2: turn your web into sentences, starting each part with an opener. Step 3: make it sparkle with describing words and feelings, and check every sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a period.

Our chant: Idea in the middle, spin the web around! Who and where and when? Spin them all down! Uh oh, the problem! Then the events in a row! Phew, the solution! Now you're ready to go! Openers, feelings, describing words too! Capitals and periods, your story shines through!

How does writing a story feel now? Color one.

☐ I need more practice ☐ I am getting there ☐ I can teach it!

Date _____ Signed _____



Answer Key

1. Spell Step Sort

1. Step 1. The idea goes in the middle of the web. That is step 1, spin a story web.
2. Step 2. Openers help you start each part when you write your sentences. That is step 2.
3. Step 3. Describing words make a story sparkle. That is step 3.
4. Step 1. Each part of the story gets a strand on the web. That is step 1.
5. Step 3. Checking capital letters and periods is step 3, make it sparkle and check it.
6. Step 2. At last is an opener for the end. Turning the web into sentences is step 2.
7. Step 3. Feelings make a story sparkle. That is step 3.
8. Step 1. The problem gets its own strand on the web. That is step 1.

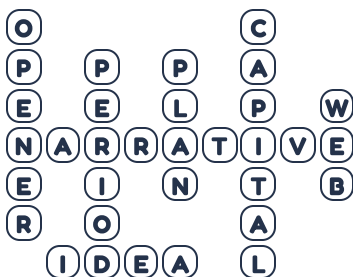
2. Spin Rosa's Web

1. Rosa and her baby dragon TOFFIN. (Proof: One morning in Fablemoor, Rosa and her baby dragon Toffin saw something strange.)
2. One morning, in FABLEMOOR. (Proof: One morning in Fablemoor, Rosa and her baby dragon Toffin saw something strange.)
3. The rain was falling UP! (Proof: The rain was falling up!)
4. They found the giant Rain KETTLE, upside down. (Proof: There, they found the giant Rain Kettle, upside down.)
5. Toffin pushed, Rosa pulled, and Cirrabelle helped FLIP it over. (Proof: At last, Toffin pushed, Rosa pulled, and Cirrabelle helped flip it over.)
6. The rain fell down, and everyone felt PROUD. (Proof: The rain fell down, and everyone felt proud.)

3. Strand Match

1. Your story idea goes in the middle of the web. It tells what your story is about.
2. The characters strand tells who is in the story.
3. The setting strand tells where and when the story happens.
4. The problem strand tells what goes wrong. Uh oh.
5. The events strand tells what happens in the beginning, middle and end.
6. The solution strand tells how the problem is fixed. Phew.

4. Story Spell Crossword



- 1 down: opener, 2 down: capital, 3 down: period, 4 down: plan, 5 down: web, 6 across: narrative, 7 across: idea

5. Story Web Word Hunt

middle, strand, spin, feel, shines



6. Sparkle and Check

1. Rosa saw a cloud. / Rosa saw a fluffy, pink cloud. / Rosa felt happy when she saw the cloud.
2. Toffin found the kettle. / Toffin found the giant, shiny kettle. / Toffin was scared of the big kettle.
3. Cirrabelle flew over the hill. / Cirrabelle flew over the tall, green hill. / Cirrabelle felt proud and free.

7. The Cloud Trail question cards

1. writing a story. A narrative is a story. Narrative writing is writing a story.
2. make a plan. Good writers make a plan first, like a story web.
3. your story idea. Your story idea goes in the middle. Then the strands spin out.
4. characters. The characters strand tells who is in the story.
5. problem. The problem strand tells what goes wrong.
6. At last. At last and Finally are openers for the end.
7. tiny. Tiny tells what the bird is like. It is a describing word. Sweet is one too!
8. We went to the park. It starts with a capital letter and ends with a period.
9. spin a web, write sentences, sparkle and check. Step 1, spin a story web. Step 2, turn it into sentences. Step 3, make it sparkle and check it.
10. through. Capitals and periods, your story shines through!

The last step (how sure?) has no right answer. A child who is right but "not sure" needs one more practice round. A child who is wrong but "very sure" has a mix-up worth talking about.

Spin it, write it, sparkle it! Plan on a web, write each part with an opener like **One morning**, **Next** and **At last**, then add describing words and check your capitals and periods.