



131. Making Up Stories

Nine Story Starters — use as A4 sheets or fold in half to make A5 Cards

Sometimes it's easier to think of a story if you have a story starter like this one




I couldn't believe my eyes when I opened my drawer and out popped a ruler. Not just any old ruler but a **talking ruler** and a very grumpy one he was too! He folded his arms and told me that he was really, really fed up with me ...



Why was he so grumpy?
What was he complaining about?
What did he expect you to do about it?

How did you feel about what he was telling you?
 Could you help solve his problem?
What could you do to help?
What happened to him in the end?



LOW QUALITY SAMPLES

When I was always reading. His mum said that he would turn into a book one day. Toby ignored what she said and carried on reading but one day he started to feel a bit odd. The more he read, the stranger he felt. Then all at once he realised that he really had turned into a book, or at least he felt like he was inside one. It was just what his mum had said would happen!

Who did Toby meet when he was inside the book?
Which story character or characters did he meet?
What were they like? Were they what he thought they'd be like?
What did the characters invite him to do? Did he have tea with them or join in one of their stories?
How did it feel?
Did it end like this?
That night Toby snuggled up in his own cosy bed and smiled happily to himself.



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| 1. The talking (grumpy) ruler | 7. Something strange in Joe's school bag |
| 2. No ordinary caterpillar | 8. Flying beds |
| 3. The monster who was chewing the books | 9. When Toby turned in to a book |
| 4. Tommy's helper | |
| 5. The strange little yellow man | |
| 6. Magic seeds | |