

Telling Stories // Age 11-14

Story Starters

Everyone starts with the same story starter, and has a set amount of time to make up the rest of the story. This can be written, or told verbally. See how many different endings you can come up with.

*Last night, I woke up
in the middle of the
night when I heard...*



Instructions

Give each other instructions for everyday activities, such as making a cup of hot chocolate, or loading up a DVD. Then try slightly harder instructions, such as how to play a new computer game or how to get a bus into town.

Retelling Video Clips/TV Programmes

Ask the young person to describe to you what has happened in a TV programme/video clip so far. If you join them part of the way through watching a TV programme or soap, you can pause it and ask them to tell you what has happened so far. You can then continue watching together.

At another time, you could ask the young person to remind you of the story of the programme/film so far. You could also ask them to describe the storyline of films, books or TV programmes that you are not familiar with. See if you can still keep up with the storyline, and ask questions to help the young person structure their storytelling if you can't.

