Toys Come Alive

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **narrative** is a story. It has **characters** (who), a **setting** (where and when), a **problem**, and events that lead to a **solution**.

Story words: One day ... Suddenly ... Then ... Finally ...



1. Story parts warm-up

These ideas could go in this story. What part of a story is each one?

1	Captain Bolt, a wind-up robot who loves rules	character	setting	problem
2	a moonlit bedroom at midnight	character	setting	problem
3	The teddy bear's button eye falls under the bed.	character	setting	problem
4	Shelly, a slow but clever toy turtle	character	setting	problem
5	the dark, dusty space under the bed	character	setting	problem
6	The toys must get back to the shelf before the alarm rings.	character	setting	problem

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2. Plan your story

Prompt: One night, you wake up and find your toys are alive and on an adventure. Write a story about what happens. Plan your story.

Who and where?

Beginning: how does it start?

Middle: what goes wrong?

End: how is it solved? How do they feel?

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3. Write your story

Use your plan. Write at least three paragraphs.

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Check: ☐ A hook ☐ Characters and setting ☐ A problem ☐ A solution ☐ Story words

Answer Key

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2. Plan your story

Sample notes. Answers will vary.

Who and where?

Ava's toys: Bear, Captain Bolt the robot and Shelly the turtle, in Ava's bedroom at midnight

Beginning: how does it start?

Ava wakes up and sees her toys tiptoeing across the floor. She pretends to sleep.

Middle: what goes wrong?

Bear's button eye has rolled under the bed, and it is dark and dusty down there. The alarm will ring at 7.

End: how is it solved? How do they feel?

Shelly uses her shell to slide under the bed and finds the eye. The toys race back to the shelf just in time. Ava sews the eye on tight the next day.

Model Answer

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3. Write your story

A model answer to share with students. Their writing will be different.

At midnight, Ava heard a tiny click. She opened one eye. Her teddy bear, Bear, was climbing down from the shelf, followed by Captain Bolt the robot and Shelly the turtle. Ava held her breath and pretended to sleep.

"My button eye!" Bear whispered. "It rolled under the bed." The space under the bed was dark and full of dust bunnies, and the alarm would ring at seven o'clock. Captain Bolt marched in, but he got stuck on a sock.

Then Shelly tucked in her head and slid under the bed like a sled. She came out with the shiny button balanced on her shell. The toys scrambled back to the shelf just as the sun came up. The next morning, Ava sewed Bear's eye on tight and winked at her toys.