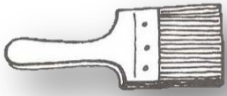


# Unlocking the Power of the Oxford Reading Tree

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Stories are powerful and magical; a means of sharing and learning

From ancient times, storytelling has been a key means of instruction. In some pre-literate societies, storytelling was the only method of preserving a society's cultural history and identity. Today, stories remain relevant and forefront.

## Kevin's Five Storytelling Tips

- 1) Settle the students before you start
- 2) Introduce the story from the cover
- 3) Use your storytelling voice
- 4) Use real objects, including toys
- 5) Ask questions as you go



Stories act as attention-focusing mechanisms taking us on an enjoyable and interesting journey. Children may feel so powerfully engaged in a story, that they may later recall their story-experience with as much detail and emotional interest as memories of personally lived events.

## Stories ignite student interest and activate the thinking process

- enable children to empathize with unfamiliar people and places
- offer insights into universal life experiences
- help children consider new ideas
- increase children's willingness to communicate thoughts and feelings

Paula Stoye, 'Storytelling: Benefits and Tips', British Council, Jordan

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