

Story Pods

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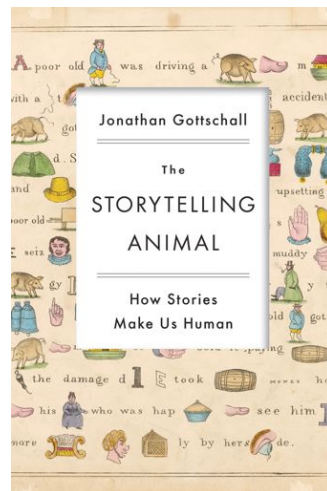
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WHAT'S A STORY POD?

- The storyteller tells a story using slides.
- Listeners interact with the story.
- They negotiate meaning and notice linguistic features.

HOW IS “STORY” DEFINED?

Character +
Predicament +
Attempted Extrication



HOW ARE STORY PODS TOLD?

- Storyteller prepares 4 kinds of slides.
- Tell each part of the story in 4 steps.

STEP 1

- Tell Part 1 of the story without text support.
- Show dark blank slides.
- Or use a picture or pictures to support the story.

STEP 2

- Tell Part 1 of the story again.
- Use textual support.
 - Show the text with pictures or not.

STEP 3

- Students get in pairs or groups.
- Storyteller shows a Q/A slide.
- Students answer discussion or comprehension questions.
 - Students negotiate the meaning of the story.

STEP 4

- Show a slide highlighting 1-3 grammatical or lexical features.
- Storyteller briefly points out linguistic features.
- Students notice grammar and lexis.

REPEAT THE STEPS

- Storyteller repeats Steps 1-4 with the remaining parts of the story.
- Option: cut off the story at a "cliffhanger," and students finish the story as homework.



STEPS 1-2

- In the south of Oregon, near Lake of the Woods, young John Jones was walking through the forest. As he walked, he enjoyed the fresh air and the tall green trees. He came to an open field.

- Step 1: no text support, i.e., hit the "B" key to blank the screen.
- Step 2: repeat this part of the story with text support, showing the text.

STEP 3 Q/A

- Who is the main character?
 - Where is he?
 - What was he enjoying?
 - Do you like rabbits?

STEP 4 (LANGUAGE FOCUS)

● Past Tense

- He walked in the forest.
- He enjoyed the fresh air.
- He came to a field.

THE RABBIT BY HUGH LUPTON

- Do the rest of the story, repeating Steps 1-4 for each part of the story.
- The story is presented here as a reference. It can be used a story pod, using the 4 Steps.

The Rabbit Bee Oasis In the south of Oregon, near Lake of the Woods, young John Jones was walking through the forest. As he walked, he enjoyed the fresh air and the tall green trees. He came to an open field. The grass was smooth, flowing, and soft. He could see the sky. It was deep, blue, and clear. Round clouds floated by like ships in the sea.

Then he noticed a big rabbit in the grass. And he thought, "If I catch the rabbit, I can sell it to the hat maker. Then I can buy pigs. The pigs will have babies, and I can sell them to the meat seller. With the money, I can buy cows. The cows will have babies, and I can start a big ranch.

"I will become rich and then marry Elisabeth Smith. We will have two strong boys, and they will work on my ranch. But they will be lazy boys, and they will like to sleep too much. I will have to wake them up in the mornings. 'Hey boys! Wake up. It's time for work.'" And with that, the rabbit in the field ran away... And so did the dreams of young John Jones.