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Share a Story

Hints & tips

So how do you go about creating a story to share? It's simple! Seriously – **anyone** can do it!

It's not about being the world's best drawer or being able to write a billion words – it's just about having fun, and making a fun story in the process.

But if you're really, really stuck – here's a few hints.

1) The Idea

Sometimes, this is the hardest part! How do you find an idea for a story? Start by looking all around you – go on, do it, right now! What do you see? A keyboard? A teacup? Your dad in a grotty old dressing gown? Can you tell a story about any of that lot? Remember: it's **YOUR** story and can be about whatever **YOU** want!

2) Keep It Simple

You only have six “panels” to tell your story in, so the best idea is to make it a simple story. Try to tell the story in just one sentence – for instance, “Felix the Fly was hungry, so he built a rocket out of bottle-tops and flew to a planet made of sugary treats.”

3) Remember B-M-E

That's “beginning”, “middle”, and “end”. Every story needs to start and stop, and whatever happens in between – an alien invasion, a trip to the seaside, picking your nose – is the adventure. In fact, when you create your storyboard, it's often easiest to do the beginning first – in “panel one” – and then (and bear with us, because this might sound daft) do the end, in the last panel. Then you know how many panels you have left to tell the middle part of your story.

That's all there is to it. The most important thing to remember – more important than all of that “beginning, middle, and end” stuff – is that it's **YOUR STORY**. Just do whatever you want! Look everywhere for ideas, fill in the storyboard, get an adult to sign the form, and send it flying to CITV!

