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Learning:

- **Generating Ideas**
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Reel in a Story

Choosing the right words is important, but you also need planning—and a little patience—to reel in a good story.

What to Do:

Great stories start with great ideas. Plan a short story of your own by answering the questions below. Then, on a separate piece of paper, put your answers together to write a story.

1. Create an interesting character.

What's her or his name? (Try something weird if you're stumped.)

What's special about how she or he looks?

(Does she have purple hair? Or wear a red riding hood?)

What's special about how she or he acts?

(Does he know magic? Or eat bugs?)

2. Give your character a problem to solve. What's the problem?

(Does the character need to get out of a lie he told?)

3. What obstacle prevents your character from solving the problem?

(A wicked witch? Or a storm?)

4. What solution does your character arrive at to finally solve the problem?

(Does he befriend the witch? Does she escape using magic umbrellas?)

5. Reel in your story! On a separate piece of paper, write a story using all of the ideas noted above. Start a new paragraph for each step—character, problem, obstacle, and solution.

