

Activity 3: Story Cubes

For use in “Hello Sun”

1. To start the game, run children through all the word cards on the book “Hello Sun”.
2. Read the book with the children.
3. As a post-reading activity, use the story cube for “Hello Sun” to help children recall and recount the story by looking at the pictures for the key scenes.
4. Recount can come as a pre-activity before a writing task; after children are able to recall the events of the story, parents can extend by having a writing task based on the story.

For use in any generic story:

1. The cube features key elements of a narrative story. It provides consideration for key elements of a story arc that include setting, characters, development of plot, event (problem) and resolution.
2. Post-reading, parents can use the cube on features of a narrative to:
 - a) Discuss and examine the story arc of a narrative (beginning-middle-end story arc including problem and solution)
 - b) Guide retelling; prompts are provided to lend clues on important features to retell to capture the story comprehensively
 - c) Start and scaffold the writing process for children; prompts for retelling double as cues for writing.

An example of a story cube is shown below. Parents just have to print out and fold the sides to form a story cube.

Features of a Narrative Story

~Beginning~

Setting:

-where & when did the story take place?

- who were the main characters in the story?

(where/ when/ who)

~Middle~

Development:

-What happened in the story?

-What is the sequence of events?

(what)

~Problem~

Is there any problem in the story?

(what/ why)

~Solution~

Is there any solution in the story?

(why/ how)

~End~

- How did the story end?

- Is there a climax in the story?

- How did the characters feel in the end?

(how)