



Origins of Storytelling

A sense of who a child is and where they come from is very important in every family environment. This can be done through storytelling, sharing of culture and family experiences. Storytelling is a family literacy activity that encompasses various components of learning. It is used to:

- pass on oral traditions and history
- share information and concepts
- teach lessons
- build relationships
- entertain
- create cultural experiences
- advance language development through vocabulary, grammar and rhythm

Storytelling is one of the activities that has stood the test of time and is used in many societies at various literacy levels. Grandparents can tell stories to their grandchildren about growing up, parents can tell stories to their children as lessons or forms of entertainment, and siblings can tell stories to share information. All forms of storytelling build on the relationship between the storyteller and the listener. It is a tool that anyone can access, anytime and anywhere.



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