



**Icebreaker:** Story Starter

**Materials:** None

**Grade Range:** PreK – 2

**Time:** 10 minutes

**Synopsis:** Students practice the art of storytelling, creative thinking, and public speaking in this fun and engaging activity.

**Instructions:**

1. Explain to the students that they will be creating a whole group story. Each student/mentor will contribute to the story. You do not need to remember what the previous student/mentor said, only add on to it.
2. The first person will begin the story with something like: “Once upon a time...” Or “On a dark and stormy night...” Or, “Last week, I saw the biggest...”, etc.
3. The next person in the group will build onto what the first person just said, followed by the next, and the next, until the last person in the group ends the story in the way that he/she feels is the best!
4. Example: Student 1 – “Once upon a time I saw...” Student 2 – “the biggest cat ever and it was coming out of the...” Student 3 – “garage with a big mouse in its mouth and then it went...” Student 4 – “inside my mom’s house and when my mom turned around and saw the cat, she...” Student 5 – “Screamed SO loud and dropped the...” etc., etc.

Be prepared for lots of laughter as these stories usually wind up quite involved and very funny – especially when done in a larger group!