

# Story Structure Cue Cards


Our story structure cue cards are designed so you can cue the story structure elements with one side and the transition words with the other. The story structure elements help children identify the important parts of the story while the transition words help them connect ideas and prevent gaps in the story.

## How to use the story structure cue cards:

1. Teach the story structure elements (refer to Story Structure Elements PDF)
2. Put the story structure cue cards in order
3. Identify the story structure elements in a story
4. Practice associated transition words common in story
  - a. **Orientation:** Once there was a \_\_\_\_\_ who..., One day..., First..., First of all...
  - b. **Complication:** But..., Then..., However..., All of a sudden...
  - c. **Action:** So..., Next...
  - d. **Resolution:** Finally..., Eventually...
  - e. **Ending:** Now..., In the end..., And that is why/how...
5. Retell a story using the story structure cue cards
6. Create a story using the story structure cue cards



**Orientation**



**Once there  
was a \_\_\_\_\_  
who...**



**Complication**



**But then...**

 Cut out and fold over cards to use as story structure cue cards.



**Action**



**So...**



**Resolution**



**Finally...**



**Ending**



**Now...**

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