

# How To Tell A Story in 3 easy actions!

## 1. To Place

The opening action of a story brings the listener or reader into the world of the story. Your action is to place them there. Do this by:

- Telling about the place
- Telling about the people
- Telling about the times

## 2. To Reveal

Everyone loves a surprise and stories are full of them. Everything that happens in a story appears as you tell about it. You can make a story surprising by:

- Holding the Big Event until just the right moment.
- Leading up to Big Events with little events.

## 3. To Relate

We tell stories because they give us feelings and ideas that relate to our lives. Even if the story happens to rocks, it should always have meaning for people. To finish your story, help us relate to it. You can do this by:

- Tell the moral or lesson of the story.
- Tell how the story is like our lives.



## Itsy Bitsy Spider

1. Instead of: “Itsy Bitsy Spider went up the water spout.”

Try: “This is one of the first stories we learn. It all began in Spider Town. It was cold and dark. Dew drops shimmered from sleeping spider webs. Everything was quiet...”

2. Instead of: “Down came the rain.”

Try “... The sky was dark. The sun was gone. Shadows covered the land. A storm was coming!”

3. Instead of: “Itsy Bitsy Spider went up the spout again.”

Try: “We remember how the Little Hero survives the Great Storm, because we will also be faced with Trouble in our time.”