

Daily Challenge Day 16: Stranded on a Desert Island Story

Following on from last week's activities, we are going to put actions to a short story about your desert island adventure and retell it. You can change the story to suit you. You can even ask your family to 'uplevel' or improve it and make it as funny or as silly as you like.

1. Read the story:

Once upon a time there lived a pirate called Bee who was shipwrecked and stranded on a desert island.

First, Pirate Bee discovered some interesting places whilst exploring the island including: a deadly snake pit, a windy river leading to a crocodile infested lake, a mountain with a good view and a deep, dark forest.

Next, Pirate Bee decided to build a shelter to sleep in on the mountainside, using branches and leaves for the roof and walls.

Suddenly a strange noise came from behind so Bee turned around quickly and came face to face with a growling tiger...

In a flash, Bee climbed the nearest tree. Fortunately, the tiger got bored and stalked off.

Eventually, Bee ventured down from the tree and tried to think of a plan to keep tigers away.

To be continued...

Actions to go with the key story language to pin any story around: (these are helpful to learn and stick to as you can tell any story using this format)

Once upon a time (hands together and open like a book)

First (hold one finger up like the number 1)

Next (two fingers - index and middle - point to side)

Suddenly (both palms up and out like a stop)

In a flash (you could make this one up)

Eventually (one finger from each hand makes circles in air))

Fortunately (wipe brow with hand)

who (one finger in air, circling)

so/whilst (point at listener)

2. Make your own actions up for nouns and verbs.

3. Can you change parts of the story such as the name of the pirate and what you find on the island?

4. Perhaps have a go at making your own dramatic event up instead of the tiger.

5. Can you use some interesting wow words to describe the different things you find such as a dark, deep forest, tantalising tarantula, a slimy pit of deadly snakes or a terrifying, menacing tiger?

6. Act the story out.

7. Draw or build the island using Lego or junk materials.

8. Find out how to keep tigers away.