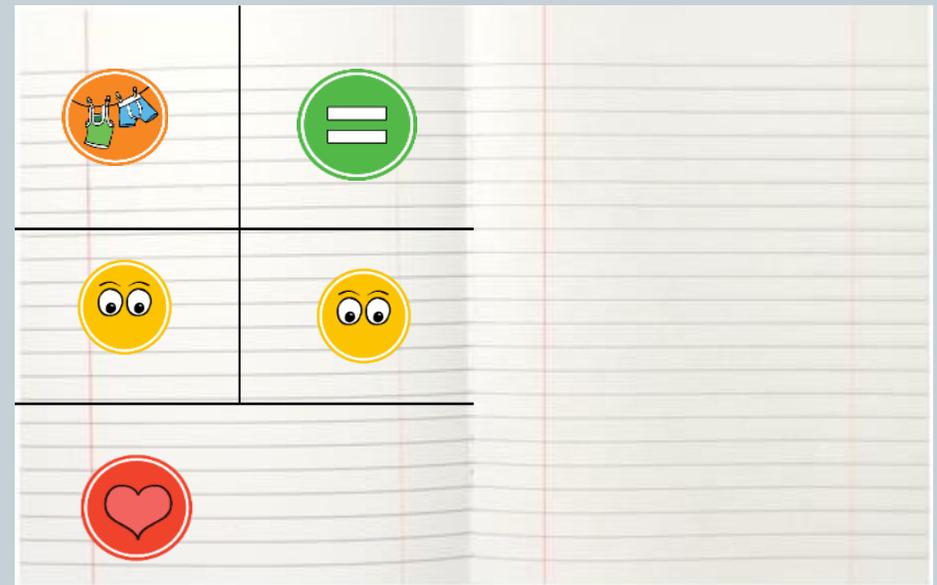


Mystery story

Tuesday 12th January 2021



Plot point 5 - Chasing the thief



Can I write a narrative?

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Yesterday we left Flavia with a big dilemma. She decides that finding her father's ring is more important than her bulla and places it on the stone bench in the garden.

Choosing good vocabulary



- ▣ Obviously, the magpie is going to take the necklace with the pretty, shiny bulla.
- ▣ I would like you to do some thesaurus thinking and chat some words that mean the same as take.
- ▣ I like snatched. I'm going to use that in my model sentence.

Similes



- ▣ I want you to think of some similes we can use to describe how the necklace may be dangling from the magpie's beak. Is it going straight down? Is it swinging from side to side?
- ▣ Remember, a simile is a sentence where we compare an action with an expanded noun phrase using 'like' or 'as'. For example, he yawned like a lazy lion.

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Model

- Peeping round the corner, Flavia watched the magpie snatch the necklace, the chain dangling from its beak like a glittering worm.

Your turn

- Use your own choice for taking and a simile to describe how the chain dangled. Deepen the moment: use a different fronted adverbial and a better word for watched.

Noticing



- ▣ Flavia opens the back door and runs after the bird.
- ▣ I need you to do some more thesaurus thinking and find good 'looking' words. I like glimpse. Is glimpse more or less than looking?
- ▣ Right, it is less. I need you to focus on finding other words that are less than looking.

Noticing



- ▣ Now, I need you to jot what Flavia may have seen? Focus on the size and colour of the bird. The speed at which it flew. Where it is going...

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Model

- ▣ She glimpsed a flutter of glossy black and white as the bird flew to a tall umbrella pine.

Your turn

- ▣ Use your own choice for looking and a description of the bird, include where it is flying to. Deepen the moment by describing the tree.

Feelings



- ▣ How do you think Flavia might be feeling now she has (hopefully) found the thief and its nest?
- ▣ Chat some positive feeling words.

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Model

- ▣ A smile crept up Flavia's face. Despite feeling jubilant she stayed quiet so as not to disturb the thief.

Your turn:

- ▣ Show me how Flavia is feeling (what happens when you smile?), then describe it using one of your positive feeling words.