

## **English Language Immersion Through Storytelling**

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- A. Storytelling-** 1. a narrative that can instruct, interest, or entertain.  
2. The past

#### **B. Benefits**

1. Reduce affective filter
2. Improve listening
3. Shared experience
4. Increase vocabulary
5. Infer meaning of unfamiliar words
6. Better understanding of cultures
7. Helps solve problems
8. Improves organization, and sequencing

#### **C. Story**

1. Audience- Students- What Level?
2. Characters- People in the story
3. Plot
  - a. Action- sequence of events
  - b. Conflict – opposing forces
4. Theme- Main Idea

#### **D. Workshop/Teaching**

1. What is this story about?
  - a. Theme- Main idea
  - b. Tell the story.
2. How would you present this story to your students?
  - a. What is the sequence?
3. How would you evaluate the students' acquisition?
  - a. What questions would you ask?

## Magic Socks- Story I



**Angry George**



**George's Angry Family**



**No Buddies**



**No girl would date him**



**A carpenter at 21**



**A lot of money, rich**



**Big TV**



**Fancy car**



**Big house**



**No Best Friend**



**No girlfriend**



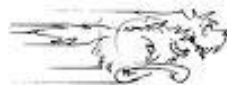
**Lonely**



**Why?**



**Still Angry**



**His dog ran away**



**But still working**



Construction accident



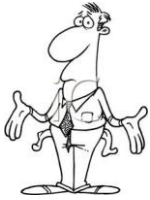
Hospital visit



Broken foot



Panic attacks



No money



Lost house



No Car



Walked with a cane



Down, depressed



Police- Move it



"Anything Is Possible"



Wise Man



Magic socks



Backpack



Still angry



No Food



Magic Socks



Happy



Jumped For Joy



New Job



Buddies



Girlfriend



House



Dog Returned



## Story 2

### Romance and A Walk In The Community. Fill in the blanks. Unscramble.

**Debbie:** Hello, Felix. Why have you been avoiding me?

**Felix:** I haven't been avoiding you. I have been \_\_\_\_\_(koringw) many hours.

**Debbie:** Excuses. Excuses. You know I love you very much. We are becoming really close. .

**Felix:** I know. I know. There is something I want to talk to you about. But first let's take a walk throughout the \_\_\_\_\_(ommuniyct).

**Debbie:** Yes boyfriend. Let's talk after our walk. I need to go to many \_\_\_\_\_(lacesp) Can we go to the \_\_\_\_\_(ospt fficeo) first? I need to \_\_\_\_\_(alim) packages to the \_\_\_\_\_(onCgo), and \_\_\_\_\_(namVeit).

**Felix:** That's great. I need to send a \_\_\_\_\_(etlert) to \_\_\_\_\_(IE vaSalodr).

**Debbie:** Now that we finished sending our letters and package. Let's go the \_\_\_\_\_(bryarli). I have my favorite \_\_\_\_\_(okobs) reserved.

**Felix:** Yes, girlfriend, I can check out a \_\_\_\_\_(viemo). Debbie, after the library, let's go to our favorite \_\_\_\_\_(tmetndepar) store, **MARY'S and FRED'S Department Store**. I need to buy a \_\_\_\_\_(tekacj).

**Debbie:** That's a wonderful idea. I want to buy a new red and purple \_\_\_\_\_(ssdre).

**Felix:** Wow, we got great discounts with our items. Now, let's go to The Southside \_\_\_\_\_(llaM's) \_\_\_\_\_(odof) \_\_\_\_\_(ourct). I'm hungry, and I want to eat a vegetarian pizza.

**Debbie:** I love it. I will get a \_\_\_\_\_(enchkic dalsa.) After we eat let's go visit Roberto at the \_\_\_\_\_(pitalhos). You know how much he likes friends to visit him, after he was \_\_\_\_\_(edinjur).

**Felix:** Yes, it makes him happy, and he \_\_\_\_\_(coversre) faster. Debbie, afterward, let's go shopping at the \_\_\_\_\_(marketsuper). I need onions, garlic, and \_\_\_\_\_(sreppep).

**Debbie:** And I need \_\_\_\_\_(kilm), bread, and \_\_\_\_\_(ffeeco). Felix, when we finish at the market, I must go to the \_\_\_\_\_(gudr orest). I have to pick my prescription today.

**Stranger:** Excuse, could you tell me how to drive to the \_\_\_\_\_(usb niotsta)?

**Felix:** Sir, I'm glad to give you directions. First, \_\_\_\_\_(direv) North on Main Street for two \_\_\_\_\_(sbockl). Then turn left at Sycamore Street. Travel three blocks, and the bus station will be on your left, next to the \_\_\_\_\_(naitr sattnio). **Stranger:** Thank you.

**Felix:** Your welcome

**Debbie:** Felix, oh I forgot, I must go to The Super Saver \_\_\_\_\_(nkBa). I need more checks.

**Felix:** I need to go too. I lost my \_\_\_\_\_(kchce arcd).

**Debbie:** Felix, on \_\_\_\_\_(onmdya) I must get my \_\_\_\_\_(lfu) shot at Med Central \_\_\_\_\_(ltheah icclin). But I lost the \_\_\_\_\_(ddressa). Do you know where it is located?

**Felix:** Yes, it is located on the corner of Central and Palm Avenues, next to the \_\_\_\_\_(akeryb).

**Debbie:** Oh, now I remember the wonderful smell of bread baking. Felix, when we finish our walk let's see the \_\_\_\_\_(ilmf), *Kathy and The Dark Sky*, at the Royal \_\_\_\_\_(Mivoe hTetare).

**Felix:** Debbie, that's a great idea. I've been wanting see that movie for two \_\_\_\_\_(eeksw). But Debbie, before we go to the movie, I have a written complaint, for the mayor, to drop off at \_\_\_\_\_(yCit Hlla).

**Debbie:** Is that the City Hall location between the \_\_\_\_\_(licepo) station, and the \_\_\_\_\_(iref) station?

**Felix:** Yes, it is. Debbie, we are having so much fun traveling around the \_\_\_\_\_(ityc), and this is what I've been wanting to ask you. Debbie, will you marry me?

**Debbie:** Of course, I will marry you. I have been waiting for months for you to ask. Let's get married tomorrow at The Seventh Street \_\_\_\_\_(hurhc) in two weeks.

**Felix:** Yes, let's. I am happy too, that we are finally becoming \_\_\_\_\_(usbandh) and \_\_\_\_\_(fiew).

**Debbie:** To a lifetime of romance by walking through our \_\_\_\_\_(cmmouityn).

### Story 3



George and a hatchet



George and his father



George on the one dollar bill

**George Washington was the first president of the United States of America. Because of his honesty, Washington is and was one of the most admired American presidents.**

#### **I. "The Cherry Tree." by M. L. Weems**

When George was about six years old, he was taught how to use a hatchet.

Like most little boys his age, he went about chopping everything that came his way.

One day, as he wandered about the garden amusing himself by chopping his mother's vegetables. Then he found a beautiful young English cherry tree, of which his father was most proud. George tried the edge of his hatchet on the trunk of the tree. He chopped it. The tree died.

Some time after this, his father discovered what had happened to his favorite tree. He came into the house in great anger. George's father demanded to know who had killed his cherry tree. But nobody could tell him anything about it.

Just then George, with his little hatchet came into the room. "George," said his father, "Do you know who killed my beautiful little cherry tree in the garden? It's not worth a penny."

This was a hard question to answer, and for a moment George was upset by it, but quickly recovering he cried: "I cannot tell a lie, father, you know I cannot tell a lie! I cut it with my little hatchet." The anger died out of his father's face, and taking the boy tenderly in his arms, he said: "My son, I am happy you told the truth. Now I know when you become older you will always tell the truth.

From that day, that George told his father the truth, George never told a lie again.

## Story 4



### “Helping A Friend By Visiting Dr. Bello- ACT ONE

**Person A:** Hi, how are you? I haven't seen you in English class in a long time. What's up?

**Person B:** I was sick with the flu. I'm better now. Thanks to Dr. Bello.

**Person A:** I'm glad you're feeling better. I also might need a doctor. I don't have any energy, and I feel like sleeping all the time. Is Dr. Bello a good doctor?

**Person B:** Dr. Bello is a fine doctor. For my flu, he told me to stay home and rest, and drink fluids, like juice, and soup for a week. I followed his instructions, and I got better in three days.

**Person A:** Wow, that's quick. Usually it takes about a week to feel better. Is Dr. Bello expensive. I don't have health insurance.

**Person B:** Dr. Bello charged me based upon my income. He only charged me \$25.00.

**Person A:** That's a great price. I want to go to Dr. Bello. What is Dr. Bello's telephone number and address?

**Person B:** His number is 301 424 7707. His address 3450 Washington Street, in Rockville.

**Person A:** I don't have a car. Do you know what bus to take?

**Person B:** Yes, take the Q2 to Rockville Metro Station.

**Person A:** Can you tell me the directions from the Metro Station?

**Person B:** Of course, I'm happy to do so. Walk to the only traffic light at the station. Then cross the street to the opposite side. That street is Washington Street. Walk three blocks straight ahead, until you reach 3450.

**Person A:** Thanks for your help. I'm starting to feel better, now.

**Person B:** It makes me feel good, too. I like helping out a friend.

### Act 2, Scene 1 “Helping A Friend” Location: Dr. Bello's Reception Room.

**Nurse:** Hello, how may I help you?

**Patient:** Yes, My name is. I have a 2:30 appointment with Dr. Bello.

**Nurse:** Your fifteen minutes late. We appreciate it if you arrive on time.

**Patient:** Yes, I'm sorry. The bus was late.

**Nurse:** Oh, those darn buses. Please fill out this form. Do you have health insurance?

**Patient:** No, I don't.

**Nurse:** Did you bring your last two payment stubs?

**Patient:** Yes, I did.

**Nurse:** Let me see them. We charge you based upon your income.

**Patient:** Here are my pay stubs.

**Nurse:** I see. Based upon your income you will pay \$26.00 a visit. Can you afford that?

**Patient:** Yes, I can.

**Nurse:** Great, please have a seat. Dr. Bello, and I will see you in several minutes.

**Patient:** Thank you.

**Nurse:** (15 minutes later). Dr. Bello will see you now. Please follow me



## **Act 2, Scene 2 "Helping A Friend" Location: Dr. Bello's Office**

**Dr. Bello:** How are you?

**Patient:** I have lost all my energy.

**Dr. Bello:** I see, please continue.

**Patient:** It is difficult for me to stay awake at work. I have no patience with my children. I sleep ten hours a day.

**Dr. Bello:** Ok, describe your diet. What do you eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

**Patient:** For breakfast, I usually eat a bagel with egg and cheese, and two donuts, and coffee.

**Dr. Bello:** How much sugar do you put in your coffee?

**Patient:** Four packs.

**Dr. Bello:** What do you eat and drink at lunch?

**Patient:** I will eat either pizza, fried chicken, or hamburgers, always with French fries. And I drink an extra large cola.

**Dr. Bello:** What do you eat at dinner?

**Patient:** I usually eat either chicken, fish, meat, with rice, or potatoes. I drink ice tea with sugar.

**Dr. Bello:** Do you ever eat vegetables?

**Patient:** Usually not.

**Dr. Bello:** Does your family eat the same way you do.

**Patient:** Yes.

## **Act 2, Scene 3 "Helping A Friend" Scene: Location: Dr. Bello's Office**

**Dr. Bello:** Are hungry and thirsty at all times?

**Patient:** Yes.

**Dr. Bello:** you look heavy.. Have you gained weight recently?

**Patient:** Yes.

**Dr. Bello:** I am going to test your blood sugar for diabetes.

Hold out your index finger. I am going to poke it. It won't hurt too much.

**Patient:** Ok. Ouch.

**Dr. Bello:** Ok, the results show you have high to very high blood sugars.

There is a good chance you have diabetes.

**Patient:** OH MY GOD, DIABETES? What am I going to do? Am I going to die soon? OH MY GOD.

**Dr. Bello:** Please don't panic. You can control your type of diabetes with medicine, diet, and exercise. But you need to change. Your diet is too high in salt, fat, and sugar.

**Patient:** Ah, change doctor? Change what?

**Dr. Bello:** You have to change your eating habits. If you don't change, you could have a heart attack, or stroke. Or you could lose a leg, or a kidney. And you could possibly lose your eyesight.

**Patient:** Uh, uh. I can change doctor. But a changing will be very difficult for my spouse and family.

**Dr. Bello:** They have to change with you. Changing your diet will be a difficult at first. But when you and your family change your eating habits, everybody will feel a lot better. You will have a lot more energy.

## **Act 3, "Helping A Sick Friend"**

**Spouse 1:** How did your visit to Dr. Bello go?

**Spouse 2:** Dr. Bello said my blood sugars are high, and I have diabetes.

**Spouse 1:** Oh my, diabetes? You are young. I am young.

**Spouse 2:** The nurse said with my case, age has little to do with it. She said my diet needs to change immediately.

**Spouse 1:** What, your diet has to change? I love our diet. Everything tastes sweet and delicious. I don't want to change my diet. I feel good now.

**Spouse 2:** Dr. Bello said that if I don't change my diet, I could lose a leg, or a kidney, or my eye sight.

**Spouse 1:** Oh, honey, I don't believe it. Dr. Bello doesn't know what he is talking about. You know how much I like to eat cakes and pies.

**Spouse 2:** Look! In this situation you shouldn't think of only yourself. I believe Dr. Bello. He gave me this medication. I took it, and began to feel much better. Next week, Dr. Bello wants to meet with our entire family. He thinks you could have diabetes, too. I want to get better. I am not losing a leg, or my eyesight.

**Spouse 1:** Well, I don't want to go. I don't have diabetes. You go, but not me.

**Spouse 2:** Dear, this is nothing to fight about. You don't know for sure if you have diabetes or not. Dr. Bello said I would heal faster if the entire family follows the same diet. He also said our teenagers could have diabetes too. Haven't you noticed they have been sleeping too much?

**Spouse 1:** Ah, ah yes, they have been sleeping too much. Our children could have diabetes?

**Spouse 2:** Yes, with the diet we have been following. You know, our kids eat too much pizza, and drink too many sugary soft drinks.

**Spouse 1:** You're right. But it is hard for me to control their diet. Our kids eat what they want.

**Spouse 2:** If we work together, we can get them to eat healthy too. Please join me.

**Spouse 1:** Well, let me...

**Spouse 2:** There's nothing to think about. Our entire family will eat healthy. Let's all of us live long healthy lives. If you agree to this, I will cook half the meals.

**Spouse 1:** Oh, you're a cook? Come on now.

**Spouse 2:** When it comes to my health, I will go to any length.

**Spouse 1:** When is our appointment with Dr. Bello?

**Spouse 2:** Our appointment is next Wednesday, at 1 pm.

**Spouse 1:** Dear you convinced me. You can count on me. What's the glass of water for?

**Spouse 2:** To toast for a long and healthy life.

**Both spouses:** To a long and healthy life.

**The End.**