Storytelling for very young learners of English

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Introduction

The horn on the bus goes ...
The horn on the car goes ...
The horn on the truck goes ...
The bell on the bike goes ...

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The baby goes ...
The mummy goes ...
The daddy goes ...

Task 1: Discuss in group



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- Do you use stories in class?
- How do you use stories?
- Why do you think they are good for young language learners?
- If or when you don't use stories, why don't you?



Purposes for using story-telling

- To expose children to more language.
- To revise language/vocabulary.
- To present new language.
- To practise language.
- To extend/enrich children's language



Creating, selecting or adapting a Story

- It has a problem-solution pattern (probably)
- It has some readily identifiable characters.
- It will stir their imagination.
- It has some dialogue (probably)
- It has a regular pattern, with repeated language.
- It contains useful structures/phrases/lexis/phonemes which you want the children to learn
- It doesn't contain too much difficult or unusual new language
- It provides lots of ideas for follow-up activities.

Teaching clip

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- Teacher's voice
- Use of language
- Body language
- Type of support

Management of classroom activities

