

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

1. Story time

Read *The Little Story Who Didn't Want to Be Told* by Wilf Merttens and Anne Holm Petersen.

- Name one thing that's the same as in the storyteller version you heard on Monday or Tuesday.
- Name one thing that is different from the storyteller version.

2. Answering questions

Look at the *Questions about the Story*.

- Read each question carefully. Think about your answers.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided.
- Check that your answers say clearly what you wanted them to.

3. Writing about clever animals

The Cat is considered the cleverest animal in the forest.

- With the help of a grown-up, think of another animal that is clever.
- This could be an animal you actually know, like a pet your family has, or one you've read about, seen on TV or discovered on the Internet. Open <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/16940749> or <https://www.readersdigest.ca/home-garden/pets/5-incredibly-intelligent-animals/> and read about some very clever animals if you are stuck for an idea.
- On *My Clever Animal*, write a paragraph describing your animal.
- Write another paragraph explaining what clever things it does.

Now try this Fun-Time Extra

- Draw your clever animal.

Questions about the Story



1. Find an example of traditional or 'fairy tale' language used in the story.

2. Sequence these events from the story by putting 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. before each event.

_____ The Cat reassures the Dragon that he *has* told the story of the Little Story who didn't want to be told.

_____ The Little Story feels ashamed, believing she is not a very good story.

_____ The Cat is upset at being called fat!

_____ The Mice visit the home of the Dragon.

_____ The Dragon tells the story of the Little Story to the old Crocodiles.

_____ The Little Story dances with joy at finally being told.

2. Find and copy the two sentences in the story that say that the Dragon was renowned and adored for being a good storyteller.

3. In your own words, explain why you think the Little Story does not want to be told.

4. Which of the following words does **not** describe well the attitude of the Teapot in the Dragon's heart towards the Little Story? Put a ring around your answer.

considerate thoughtless thoughtful caring gentle

5. Which of the following words **best** describes the attitude of the Fox in the Dragon's heart towards the Little Story? Put a ring around your answer.

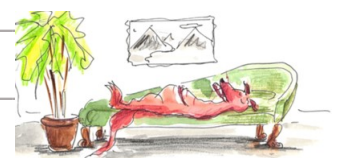
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6. Who do you think is more upset – the Dragon when he finds he can't tell the story to the Mice, or the Little Story when she feels she is not good enough to be told?

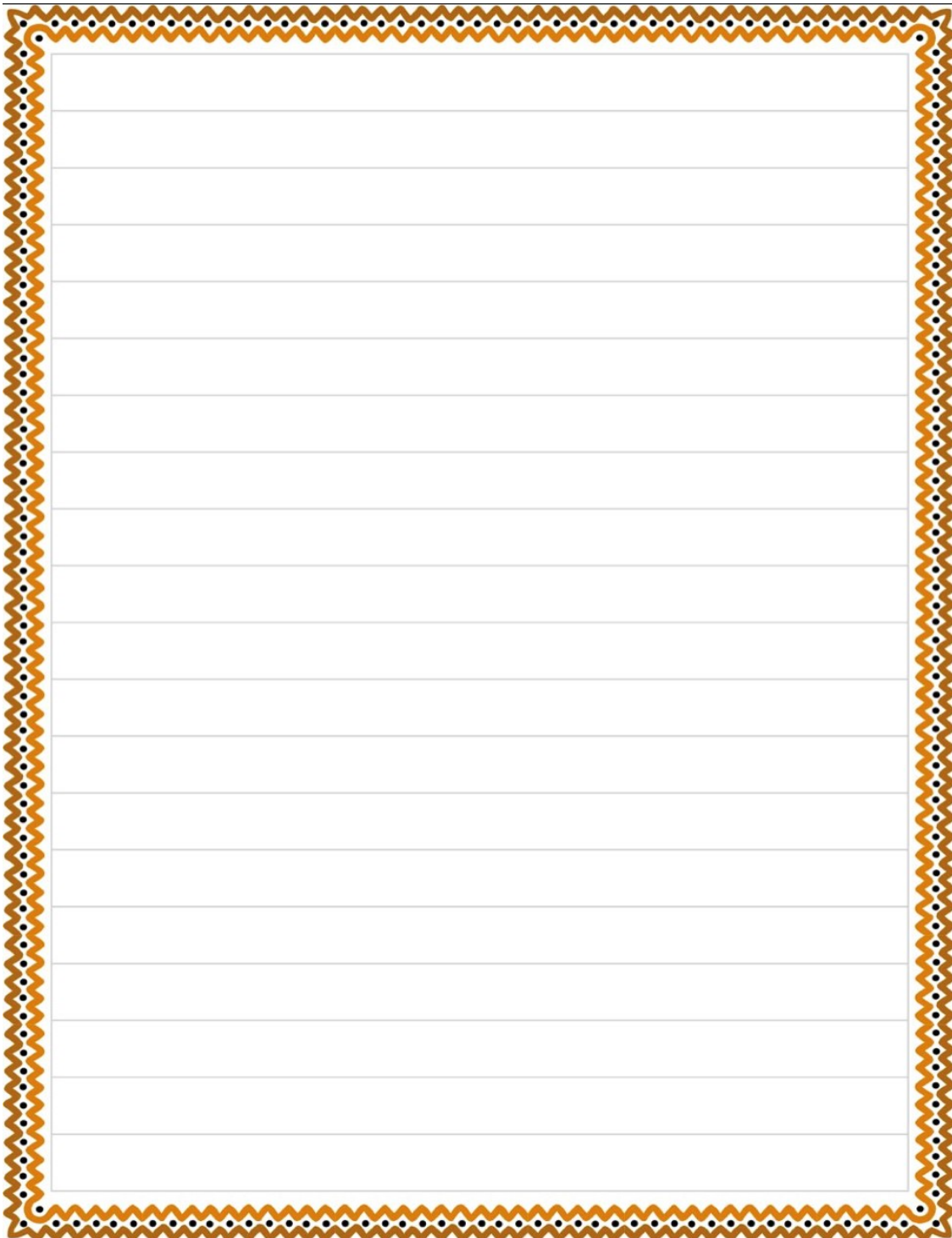
Why do you think that?

7. How might the other stories in the Dragon's heart have treated the Little Story after the Dragon had finally been able to tell her tale?

8. Have you ever been worried you weren't good enough to do something? What was that thing, and how did you feel about it?



My Clever Animal



A large rectangular writing area with a decorative orange and black zigzag border. The interior of the rectangle is filled with horizontal lines, providing a guide for writing. The border consists of a repeating pattern of orange zigzags with small black dots at the peaks and valleys.

My Clever Animal



Questions about the story – Answers

1. Find an example of traditional or 'fairy tale' language used in the story.

Once upon a time.... One day Red-gold dragon.....

2. Sequence these events from the story by putting 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. before each event.

4th The Cat reassures the Dragon that he *has* told the story of the Little Story who didn't want to be told.

2nd The Little Story feels ashamed, believing she is not a very good story.

3rd The Cat is upset at being called fat!

1st The Mice visit the home of the Dragon.

6th The Dragon tells the story of the Little Story to the old Crocodiles.

5th The Little Story dances with joy at finally being told.

2. Find and copy the two sentences in the story that say that the Dragon was renowned and adored for being a good storyteller.

He is famous. All the animals love his stories.

3. In your own words, explain why you think the Little Story does not want to be told.

She is scared that she is not actually a very good story. She doesn't feel she is as big and as good a story as the other stories around him.

4. Which of the following words does **not** describe well the attitude of the Teapot in the Dragon's heart towards the Little Story? Put a ring around your answer.

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5. Which of the following words **best** describes the attitude of the Fox in the Dragon's heart towards the Little Story? Put a ring around your answer.

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6. Who do you think is more upset – the Dragon when he finds he can't tell the story to the Mice, or the Little Story when she feels she is not good enough to be told? Why do you think that?

Accept any answer that has a good reason – for example:

The dragon because he feels like his reputation for being a great storyteller is being ruined.

The little story because she feels scared and humiliated.

7. How might the other stories in the Dragon's heart have treated the Little Story after the Dragon had finally been able to tell her tale?

Accept any answer that has a good reason – for example:

The fox or the walrus might have had to apologise and admit they were wrong. The teapot might have said something nice, like, "I knew it would be fine when you were told."