

# ENGLISH – HOW TO WRITE AND ILLUSTRATE A CHILDREN'S STORY BOOK!

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You can use one of the pictures below to inspire your ideas for your story book or you may already have your own ideas.



Read on to find out more about how to write a children's book.

## Think about your story line:

- Plan it out in brief and in sequence to begin with, try out your ideas on other's and adapt where necessary.
- Keep it simple – young children will lose interest if the story is too complicated for them to understand

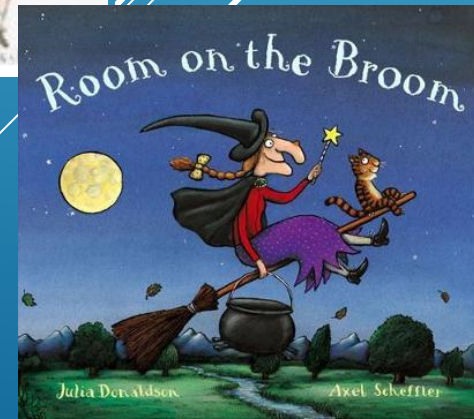
## Create an exciting and engaging main character:

- Children often like animal characters or ones which are unusual.
- Think about the voice your characters will have, this is important as young children have stories read to them. The voice used should help keep their attention!



## Think about the language you use:

- Try to use words that young children are familiar with
- You may want to use repetition such as in the famous book 'We're going on a bear hunt'
- You may want your story book to be rhyming, as in the famous book 'Room on the Broom'.



## How to illustrate your book:

- Sketch your pictures first of all and adapt if you need to.
- Use bright and engaging illustrations
- Try to include some detail to encourage children to talk about your illustrations
- Make characters faces expressive and showing emotion but in a simple way. This is also a good talking point for young children.
- Remember, this book is for young children so avoid weapons and gore!



I cannot wait to read your story books  
Year 4!

**I'm so excited.**

