

How to Turn a Real-Life Moment into a Children's Story

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOLLOW-ALONG HANDOUT

Fill in the blanks as you watch the presentation.

1. Finding Story Ideas

Some of the best ideas for children's stories may already be hiding inside our _____.

2. Step 1 - Remember a Moment Worth Telling

Think about a funny, touching, surprising, or meaningful _____ that has stayed with you.

3. Step 2 - Find What Makes the Moment Interesting

Identify the humor, problem, surprise, relationship, feeling, or _____ that could engage a child.

4. Step 3 - Turn the Real People into Story Characters

The people in the children's story do not have to remain exactly who they were in _____.

5. Step 4 - Give Yourself Permission to Change the Details

The memory gives me the foundation. My _____ helps me build the story.

6. Step 5 - Keep the Heart of the Real Experience

The details may change, but the feeling, meaning, humor, or _____ that made the original experience memorable can remain.

7. Real Life Can Inspire Fiction

When creating a children's story, a real moment can inspire a _____ one.

ONE IDEA TO REMEMBER
