

MAKING UP STORIES

Young children love to tell stories and sometimes they might stretch the truth. You can tell your preschooler how much you enjoyed his *story* and then write it down on paper so you can read it back to him.

It may be awhile before your child truly knows the difference between *make-believe* and *fact*. In the meantime, you'll have helped a brand-new person (your child!) start writing stories! And chances are, later, she will want to read these stories first.

Can you and your child imagine a cat (or an elephant!) that could fly? Talk? Roller skate? What did it look like? Where did it live? Who lived close by? Were they friends? Did they have a problem? Was it very scary? Or very funny? How did it work out? Did anybody help them? Did they stay friends and live happily ever after?

Print your story below. (You might need extra pages.) Then ask your child to draw a picture to go with it. Then you can read the story to him and he can read it to you!

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[Ask your child to draw a picture or pictures about the story below.]

Now you're ready to enjoy reading your very own, home-made story again & again!