

Introduction to Story Bags

Story bags will benefit all children. **Talking about what you read is another way to help children develop language and thinking skills. You don't need to plan the talk or expect an answer.** The story bags will keep them motivated to learn throughout the story. Story bags are extremely flexible and can be used to work on various speech and language objectives for children. For instance they can be used to work on articulation of specific sounds, answering questions, or summarizing. Additionally, talking about the items in the story will increase the child's vocabulary.

Ways to use with any group or individual might include:

- Telling the story with pauses, so that the students decide which object fits in to that part of the story
- Telling the story by reading the basic text, then getting the children to retell it, using the objects as prompts.
- Using the symbols version as a prompt to telling the story
- Cutting the symbols version into individual lines for sequencing
- Using the objects as prompts for finding the symbols sentence
- Matching the words to the symbols

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