Once upon a Time . . .

Aspiring authors, journalists, and writers: Listen up!

Now is your chance to write your own story! Explore the depths of your imagination as you come up with ideas for a fun story to share with your classmates!

Here's the catch.

You can only speak in four-word sentences. You can only share one four-word sentence or phrase at a time. Your teacher will begin the story, and each person must contribute one line to the story. Everyone can only speak once, so you must come up with the beginning, middle, and end by the time you reach the last person.



We'll help you get started . . . Once upon a time . . .

Vocab Challenge

Can you guess the word from the following clues?

Have everyone pair up in teams of two. One person will pick a word from a hat or bag. Then that person must make their teammate guess it by giving one-word clues. The actual word cannot be said, written down, or acted out in any way by the person giving the clues. The guesser will shout out as many one word answers as possible until the word chosen is guessed.

Underneath the word are penalty words. If a penalty word is used as a clue, one point is deducted from the team's score.

Every word guessed right receives two points. You will only have one minute to guess as many words as you can, so be *fast* and be careful.

For example:

The word is: Apple

Penalty words: fruit, Macintosh, iPod

Possible clues: red, big, delicious

Personalize This Challenge!

Make learning vocabulary fun by using words from your vocabulary lessons!

Follow the directions on the following page to create your own list of words from the next unit in your vocabulary book!



Cut along the dotted lines, fold each piece, and place in a hat or bag for students to choose. To personalize your own challenge, a template can be found in a word processing program. Create an address label using the following dimensions: height: 1" width: 2.83".

Animal I	Money	Window
Penalty: mammal, lion, bear	Penalty: cash, penny, green	Penalty: outside, shutter, glass
Baby 1	Snake	 Write
Penalty: crib, pacifier, toys	Penalty: slither, rattle, cobra	Penalty: type, book, letter
Balloon	Sun	[[
Penalty: air, pop, basket	Penalty: hot, planet, galaxy	Penalty:
Birthday	Tree	_
Penalty: candle, present, party	Penalty: tall, green, bark	Penalty:
Clothes	Tent	[[
Penalty: pants, shirt, shoes	Penalty: camping, pitch, sleep	Penalty:
Bed	Flower	<u> </u>
Penalty: sheets, pillow, tired	Penalty: daisy, tulip, rose	Penalty:
Carrot	Garden] [
Penalty: orange, hare, Peter	Penalty: flowers, dirt, seeds	Penalty:
Clouds	Watch	[[
Penalty: white, fluffy, shapes	Penalty: time, look, wrist	Penalty:
Earth	Web]]
Penalty: globe, ground, ocean	Penalty: spider, weave, Internet	Penalty:
		*Some have been left blank so you can write in your own words.