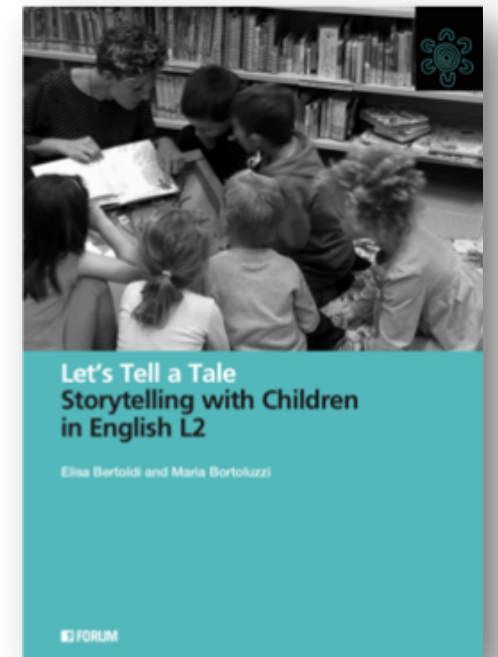




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## LANGUAGE THROUGH STORIES

- How to select a story in English L2 for the children
- How to present the language of the story to children



# Storytelling is an effective strategy for children's approach to a language

It offers the opportunity

- to interact in meaningful and stimulating context
- to experience the language through different channels
- to develop communicative competences.

# Picture books for storytelling

**A picture book** is a book in which the illustrations are as important as the words in telling the story.

# Criteria for selecting picture books

- Pleasant to the eyes of the children.
- The language is contextualized.
- Encourage interaction.
- The topic is relevant.

# Suitable structure for stories in L2

- Simple (linear with a clear beginning and clear ending)
- Predictable with a bit of surprise
- Not too many characters

# Interpreting the story

- Holistic approach
- Prosody and musicality
- Contextual factors that help make meaning

# Adapting the story to your audience

- Using parallelism and repetitions
- Limited language patterns and structures
- Simple sentences
- Direct speech
- Re-formulate
- Concrete expressions

# Creating the story

1. Look at the images.
2. Jot down a «map» of the story.
3. Read the story again.
4. Add key moments to your «map».
5. Remember to keep it short and simple.
6. Start practising telling the story using your «map», then try without looking at it.
7. Read the story again if you need it.