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**CEFR Level:** A1/A2 (6 - 10 year olds)

| Activity Aims: | • Identify the elements that make up a narrative; character, setting, conflict  
• Write a short narrative using picture prompts |
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<td>Short Description</td>
<td>Students will write a short narrative based on picture prompts. Pictures depict the various parts of a story structure.</td>
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1. Ask your students if they are familiar with popular children’s stories (Red Riding hood, Three Little Pigs, or other stories from the region or culture that children would be familiar with).

2. Ask them what makes the stories endearing and memorable.

3. Elicit answers that relate to character, setting, and event

4. Inform students that they will be writing their own stories in class today.
Main Activity

1. Fit the story (from the introduction) into a story structure.

2. Prepare some picture prompts for the students. Choose topics or themes that students will be familiar with. Prompts must include a character, a setting, and an event or action.

3. Include some guiding questions along with the picture to help the students form a story around the picture.

4. Brainstorm with the class some words and phrases they could use to describe the characters, setting, and actions.

5. Students will then write a short narrative based on the pictures.

6. Students to use the template to fit in the conflict.
Plot Chart for Short Story

- Climax
- Conflicts that are resolved during falling action
- Rising action and conflicts
- Setting
  - Time
  - Place
- What happens in the exposition or beginning of your story?
- What is the resolution? How does it end?
Student Engagement 2

**Question prompts**

1. Where is this place?
2. What are these people doing? Give them names.
3. How are they feeling?
4. What are they going to do next?
5. What is a problem or conflict in this situation? What will happen in the end?

Picture source: www.matadornet.com
Student Engagement 3

Question prompts

1. Where are the ladies?
2. Describe each lady – give them names
3. Why are they there?
4. What are they doing? How are they feeling?
5. What are they going to do next?

Picture source: www.visitsingapore.com