

Speaking and listening activity

Learning objective:

To encourage children to participate, take turns and develop their language.

- ★ Share out the sentence starter cards.
- ★ Ask the children to orally retell a well-known story.
- ★ The children can only begin by using a sentence opening from one of their cards.

The activity could be extended further by each group having a scribe, or tape recording their story and using the speaking and listening activity to scribe the story.

The cards could also be displayed around the classroom to assist children in their independent writing.

Once upon a
time ...

Slowly but
surely ...

Taking a deep
breath ...

At that
moment ...

Subsequently ...

Suddenly ...

All of a
sudden ...

Rapidly ...

In the blink
of an eye ...

A long time
ago ...

Without
hesitation ...

Step by
step ...

With her
heart
pounding ...

In a flash ...

From across
the room ...

Out of the
blue ...

Swiftly ...

Quietly ...

Gradually ...