

**Access English Centre**  
**Immigrant Centre Manitoba**  
**COMMUNITY, GETTING AROUND: Storytelling Activity**  
*Warm-up/Cool-Down: "Storytelling" Activity*  
**15 minutes**  
**Intermediate Level**

**Facilitator Note:** This activity is aimed at practicing sentence structure with participants.

**Warm-up/Cool-Down:**

**Materials:** Participants need: Optional for Variation Activity #2: picture cards(ex. people or places)  
Facilitator needs: whiteboard and whiteboard markers  
Optional: digital recorder/ tape recorder

5 min.

**Procedure: Introduction-**

*Before you begin:*

10 min.

1. The facilitator explains the goal of this activity to make a story. Each person says one word only, and then the next person from the other group says another word. The sentences flow back and forth between the two groups (lines).
2. The facilitator can first brainstorm sentence starters with the whole group. (Ex. Once upon a time, One day, It happened one night, A long, long time ago, etc....)
3. The facilitator can write these sentence starters on the whiteboard.
4. Optional: The facilitator can give the participants the topic/ type/genre of the story beforehand, so that they can create a story together:  
ex. fantasy story, romance story, science-fiction story, fiction or non-fiction story, mystery story, etc.
5. If needed, the facilitator can give clues/tips to guide the participants as they create an oral story together.
6. Divide the class into two groups. Have each group stand facing each other.
7. Start the activity by having the first person (Line #1) say a word to start a sentence.  
Ex. Person #1: "Once"
8. The next person from Line #2 says another word. Ex. "upon"
9. The second person from Line #1 says "a"
10. The next person from Line #2 say "time"
11. The third person from Line #3 says "there"
12. Each person from each line continues with the sentence then start a new sentence until everyone feels that the story has finished.
13. The Facilitator can help the student by giving clues like " Can you think of an Article-"the" or "noun"-boy, etc.

	<p>14. Optional: The facilitator can record the oral story on a digital recorder/ tape recorder and play the story to the whole group, later.</p> <p>Variation Activity #1: Instead of a story-just practice making good sentences: subject-verb agreement.</p> <p>Variation Activity #2: A picture can be displayed to help the participants with their stories or sentences. The participants will use a picture to help them create a story or sentences.</p> <p>Ex. Participant #1:This  Participant #2: is  Participant #3:a  Participant #4: picture  Participant #5:of  Participant #6: a  Participant #7: family.  Participant #8: They  Participant #9: live  Participant #10: in  Participant #11: Winnipeg.  Participant #12: They  Participant #13:are  Participant #14: called...</p> <p>The facilitator can write what the participant says on the whiteboard.</p>
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