

Creative Writing

- Support creative thinking
- Guide students through the planning stage
- Rich, descriptive language included

Sprinkle the mischievous elf was excited about the Christmas season. He was a determined elf and a hard worker, but loved adventure a bit too much. One evening, Sprinkle took his brass lantern into the Frozen Forest....

Create a story

CHRISTMAS

Roll a Story Starter

Story Starter

A mysterious Christmas present appears at the door on Christmas Eve with a note saying, "open at midnight".

has disappeared from the tallest Christmas tree in the town square, with mysterious footprints leading away.

tower with an ancient bell that has rung in 100 years. This Christmas Eve, it suddenly starts ringing.

the Christmas tree, two children notice the ornaments start glowing and making strange noises.

the mantle had always just been a decoration, but on Christmas Eve when the wind started swirling and created a snowstorm in the room.

the North Pole are acting strangely in the month before Christmas and for each night, returning the next morning covered in snow.

Create a story

CHRISTMAS

Roll a Setting

Notes about the setting:



	Setting	Noun	Adjectives
•	Christmas Market	Gingerbread, drinks, Christmas tree	Bustling, charming, festive
••	Frozen Forest	Iced-over lake, sled, skis	Mysterious, silent, frosty
•••	Enchanted Forest	Lighthouse, boat, sea creatures	Magical, cosy, vibrant
••••	An Airport	Lights, planes, crowds	Crowded, hectic, noisy
•••••	Wood Cabin	Pile of logs, scarves, boots	Warm, rustic, snow-covered
••••••	Toy Workshop	Boxes, wrapping paper, toy parts	Whimsical, colorful, chaotic



5 Planning Pages

Problem

Create a story

CHRISTMAS

Roll a Problem

Notes about the story problem:

Story Problem

A mysterious stranger arrives during a snowstorm.

The Christmas spirit has gotten lost and is hiding in a strange location.

Santa must make an unexpected visit in order to save Christmas.

A mischievous ghost causes mayhem in the lead up to Christmas.

Gingerbread cookies make their own Christmas plans.

The perfect Christmas tree leads to an unexpected adventure.

Character

Create a story

CHRISTMAS

Roll a Character

Notes about the character:
(This can be the main character or a secondary character)

Character

Greta - a shy baker

Finn - a brave boy

Sprinkle - a mischievous elf

Captain Arlo - a lighthouse operator

Hand-carved compass

A feather quill

A brass lantern

Adventurous, determined, loyal

Playful, clumsy, curious

Thoughtful, reclusive, interested

Create a story

CHRISTMAS

Roll a Story Starter

My ideas:

Story Starter

A mysterious Christmas present appears at the front door on Christmas Eve with a note saying, "open at midnight".

The Christmas star has disappeared from the tallest Christmas tree in the town square, with mysterious footprints leading away.

There is a tall bell tower with an ancient bell that hasn't rung in 100 years. This Christmas Eve, it suddenly starts ringing.

While decorating the Christmas tree, two children notice the ornaments start glowing and making strange noises.

The snow globe on the mantle had always been broken, but it started swirling and creating a tiny winter wonderland.

The reindeer in the North Pole are acting strange, disappearing each night, returning only when the stars align.

Story Starter

Create a story

CHRISTMAS

Roll a Setting

Notes about the setting:

Setting

Christmas Market

Frozen Forest

Enchanted Island

An Airport

Wood Cabin

Toy Workshop

Noun

Gingerbread, drinks, Christmas tree

Iced-over lake, sled, skis

Lighthouse, boat, sea creatures

Airplane, lights, plane

Wood, cabin, cozy

Toy, workshop, magical

Create a story

CHRISTMAS

Plot Diagram

My ideas:



Climax (the main event)

Event 3

Event 2

Event 1

Problem

Exposition (set the scene)

Action (to solve the problem)

Resolution (how characters feel)

Ending

Plot Diagram

Setting



Story Starter & Problem

- Spark imagination with creative ideas
- Roll and choose options
- Break down story elements and planning

The image shows two overlapping printable worksheets for Christmas-themed story starters and problems. The top worksheet is titled "Create a story CHRISTMAS" and includes a "Roll a Story Starter" button and a "My ideas:" section. It features a table with three rows of story starters, each associated with a specific dice roll (1, 2, or 3 dots). The bottom worksheet is also titled "Create a story CHRISTMAS" and includes a "Roll a Problem" button and a "Notes about the story problem:" section. It features a table with six rows of story problems, each associated with a specific dice roll (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 dots). Both worksheets include a small illustration of Santa Claus or a reindeer at the bottom.

Create a story CHRISTMAS	
Roll a Story Starter	
My ideas:	
	

Story Starter	
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3 dots	There is a tall bell tower with an ancient bell that hasn't rung in 100 years. This Christmas Eve, it suddenly starts ringing.

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Roll a Problem	
Notes about the story problem:	
	

Story Problem	
1 dot	A mysterious stranger arrives during a snowstorm.
2 dots	The Christmas spirit has gotten lost and is hiding in a strange location.
3 dots	Santa must make an unexpected visit in order to save Christmas.
4 dots	A mischievous ghost causes mayhem in the lead up to Christmas.
5 dots	Magical gingerbread cookies make their own Christmas plans.
6 dots	The search for the perfect Christmas tree leads to an unexpected adventure.



Create a Character

- Highly engaging character design
- Encourage detail from students
- Roll and create using character type, an object, and adjectives to describe

Finn bravely went out into the cold, snowy night. He held his brass lantern tightly to light the path. He was determined and feeling adventurous this Christmas night.

Create a story
CHRISTMAS

Roll a Character

Notes about the character:
(This can be the main character or a secondary character)

	Character	Object they own	Adjective
1	Greta - a shy baker	Magical cookbook	Kind, creative, quiet
2	Finn - a brave boy	Hand-carved compass	Adventurous, determined, loyal
3	Sprinkle - a mischievous elf	A feather quill	Playful, clumsy, curious
4	Captain Arlo - a lighthouse operator	A brass lantern	Thoughtful, reclusive, interested
5	Bitzen Jr - a reindeer in training	A set of jingling bells	Eager
6	Emily - a determined girl	A patchwork scarf	Stout, gentle



Design a Setting

- Rich descriptive language helps students build a setting
- Descriptive vocabulary included

Create a story
CHRISTMAS

Roll a Setting

Notes about the setting:

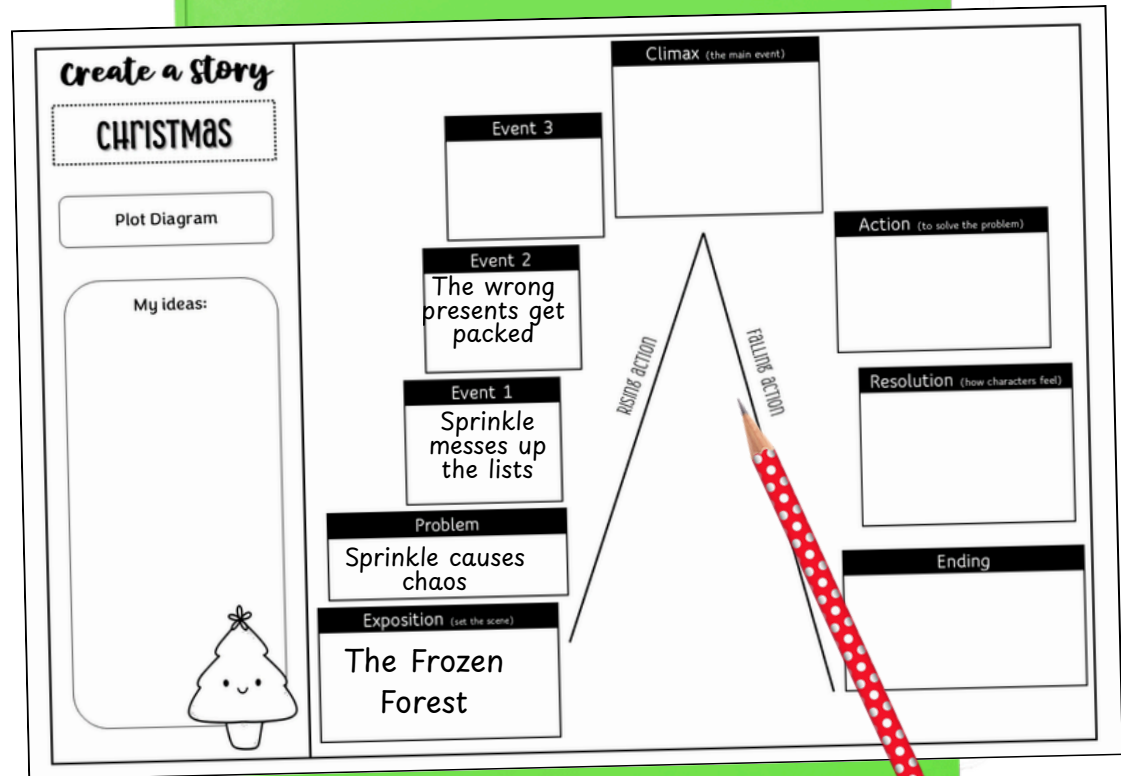
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Every year the Christmas market was an exciting place to go. It was near the seaside where the lighthouse lit up the evening sky. Boats bobbed in the water. But tonight, there was a mysterious, frosty air.



Plan with Confidence

- Easy to use plot diagram template included
- Students can fill this out after selecting ideas



Low Prep and Engaging

- Ready to print pages
- roll a die makes it engaging and hands on
- Students will enjoy the interactive and creative features

