

## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

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- B. <https://www.readingrockets.org/blogs/shanahan-literacy/there-really-30-million-word-gap>
- C. <https://thefamilydinnerproject.org/food-for-thought/the-power-of-table-talk/>
- D. <https://www.redapplereading.com/blog/2013/09/the-importance-of-story-retelling/>

## Bringing Back Storytelling Activities

### Non-fiction

Utilize a prompt or story starter (attached)

Sharing stories about your life including history, culture, traditions, and neighborhood.

**Magic of 3:** Curate stories to impart lessons to your child

1. A time you were proud because you did something good.
2. A lesson you learned when you did something bad.
3. A time you persevered through a challenge.

### Fiction

**Creating a choose your own adventure:** Have the listener help choose elements while crafting the story. Give them options to choose from: such as a character (adult or kid), a problem (face a monster or a swarm of bees)

**Create a collaborative story:** Have each person tell one sentence or scene. Adding onto the story as they take turns.

**Examples of questions you can ask:**

Memory questions- Preguntas para memoria	Thinking questions- Preguntas para pensar
<b>Who- Who were the characters and what were their names?</b> Quién- ¿Quiénes eran los personajes y cuáles eran sus nombres?	<b>How do you think the character felt? How do you know?</b> ¿Cómo crees que se sintió el personaje? ¿Cómo lo sabes?
<b>What- What were some of the things that happened in the story?</b> Cuál - ¿Cuáles fueron algunas de las cosas que sucedieron en la historia?	<b>Does the story remind you of something or someone? Tell me more!</b> ¿La historia te recuerda algo o alguien? Cuéntame más.
<b>Where- Where did the story take place?</b> Dónde- ¿Dónde tuvo lugar la historia?	<b>Why did the characters do what they did?</b> ¿Por qué los personajes hicieron lo que hicieron?
<b>When- When did the story take place?</b> Cuándo -¿Cuándo tuvo lugar la historia?	<b>What was your favorite part of the story? Why?</b> ¿Cuál fue tu parte favorita de la historia? ¿Por qué?
	<b>How did this story make you feel? Why?</b> ¿Cómo te hizo sentir esta historia? ¿Por qué?

Utilize props to help tell and retell a story. Including a picture, a food dish, or even toys such as lego or dolls.

Encourage children to create pictures of the story they are hearing.

## Family Stories Topics – Temas de historias de familia

A family tradition and how it came to be  
**Una tradición familiar y cómo comenzó**

A favorite family story  
**Una historia de familia favorita**

Your culture  
**Tu cultura**

An adventure you took  
**Una aventura en la que participaste**

Something that happened that made you feel strongly (surprised, anxious, scared)  
**also que sucedió y te hizo sentir mucha emoción (sorpresa, ansiedad, miedo)**

Your happiest moment  
**Tu momento más feliz**

A challenge you faced and how you overcame it  
**Un obstáculo que enfrestaste y cómo lo superaste**

How you got your name, or why you chose your child's name  
**De dónde viene tu nombre o por qué elegiste el nombre de tu hijo(a)**

What it was like growing up in your neighborhood  
**Cómo fué tu infancia en tu vecindario/barrio**

Your favorite memory of school  
**Tu recuerdo favorito de la escuela**

A time when you moved  
**Una época en la que te mudaste a un lugar nuevo**

**Story Starters**  
**Comienza Una Historia o Un Cuento**

Había una vez...  
Once upon a time...

De camino a la escuela hoy...  
On the way to school today...

Cuando mire por la ventana anoche...  
When I looked out the window last night...

No pude creer mis ojos cuando...  
I couldn't believe my eyes when...

Un día fui de viaje...  
One day I went on a trip...

Algo inesperado sucedió...  
Something unexpected happened...

Cuando abrí la Puerta...  
When I opened the Door...

Mientras jugaba con mis amigos...  
While playing with my friends...

Anoche tuve un sueño...  
Last night I had a dream...

Espero que mañana...  
I hope tomorrow ...

Mi mejor amigo/a me dijo...  
My best friend told me ...

Mi maestra nos enseno...  
My teacher taught us ...

Ayer en el almuerzo...  
Yesterday at lunch ...

Cuando la alarma sonó...  
When the alarm went off ...

Mientras jugaba afuera...  
While playing outside ...

Cuando abrí mi mochila...  
When I opened my backpack ...

Durante las vacaciones...  
During the holidays...

Durante la fiesta...  
During the party...

El viaje de compras comenzó...  
The shopping journey began ...