

Learning English through ...

Short stories



'Wolf! Wolf!'
the boy cried ...



Gwen always helped her mum at home ...

Create a digital story!

Do you like to watch stories being told?

Why not tell your own digital story? Let's get started ...

- 1 Look** To turn a written story into a digital story, you need to create a script and a storyboard. Read the fable below.



The Lion and the Boar



There was once a Lion who went to a watering hole to drink. When he arrived, he was surprised to see that a Boar was already there.

They began to argue about who would drink first. Soon they were fighting fiercely.

Some Vultures in a nearby tree watched the fighting. They were waiting for either the Lion or the Boar to die, so they could have dinner.

Seeing the Vultures, the Lion and the Boar immediately stopped fighting and agreed to drink together. They thought it would be better to be friends than to fight and be food for the Vultures. The Vultures, knowing they would not get a meal, flew away.



A **storyboard** is a series of pictures that show the key events in a story.

Look at the script and storyboard below. Complete the script. Then draw the missing images for the storyboard.

Script

Storyboard

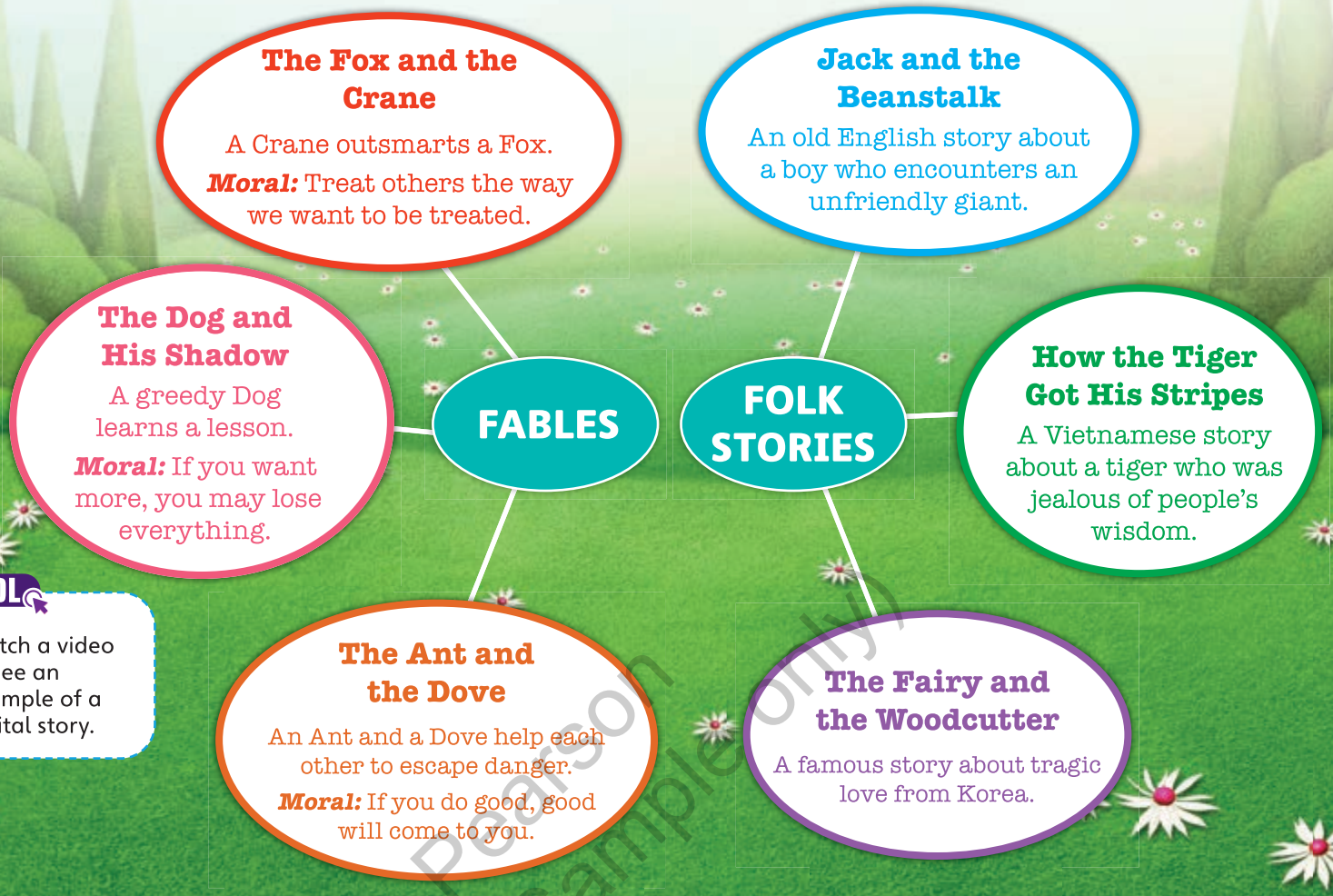
- 1** One very hot day, a thirsty Lion went to a watering hole to drink. Surprised to see that a huge Boar was already there, the Lion thought, 'I must make him go away.'
- 2** Then, the Lion and the Boar began to argue. 'I will drink first because I'm stronger,' roared the Lion.
The Boar growled, _____

- 3** As they fought, some Vultures _____
_____ and whispered to one another, _____

- 4** After they saw the Vultures, the Lion and the Boar stopped fighting. The Lion said, _____



2 Brainstorm Work in pairs. Decide what story to use to create your digital story. You can choose one of the ideas below, choose a different fable or folk story, or write your own story.



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Watch a video to see an example of a digital story.

3 Research You can do some research and planning with your partner to help you write your digital story. You can write your notes below.

You may choose to have a narrator as well as the characters in your story.

Tip!

Choose only the key events for your digital story. Try to include some interesting dialogue too.

Title:

Setting (when & where):

Characters:

Key events:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

4 Draft Write the script for your digital story with your partner. After you write the script, make a storyboard with notes or sketches of the images you need for each key event. Then find or create the images.

Script



Storyboard



Look at the units you have completed for help with:

- The simple past (1A Unit 1)
- Prepositions and connectives of time (1A Unit 4 & 2B Unit 8)
- Direct speech (2B Unit 7)

Tip!

Look at the images on page 110. You can use photos or illustrations that you find online. You can also take your own photos or draw or paint your own images. Be creative!

Evenly assign the dialogue of the script between you and your partner.

5 Practise With your partner, read out your script. Show the images you have created as you do so. Then give each other feedback and make any revisions needed.

6 Go! It's time to put it all together. Follow the steps below.

Steps for making a digital story

Record your script. Be sure to speak clearly but show your feelings too.

Use a video editing software to match your images with the audio for the different events.

Add music to your digital story if you like. Make sure the music adds to the feelings in the story!

You can see if you can upload your video to your school's website or show the video in class.

Look at the 2A Drama project for ways to use your voice to bring your script to life.

Why not organise a digital story film festival? Students can enjoy your and your classmates' videos and award prizes for the Best Script, Best Images and Best Overall Digital Story!