

Materials Needed:

- A simple, engaging picture book with clear characters, setting, and plot (e.g., 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', 'The Little Red Hen', or a favorite book)
- Large paper or whiteboard
- Crayons or markers

Introduction: Let's Talk About Stories! (5 minutes)

Every story has special parts! Today, we're going to become story detectives and find three important parts:

- **Characters:** WHO is the story about? (People, animals, or creatures)
- **Setting:** WHERE does the story happen? (A house, a forest, a school)
- **Events:** WHAT happens in the story? (The important actions or things that characters do)

Think about your favorite cartoon. Who is in it? Where does it usually take place? What is something funny that happened in one episode?

Activity 1: Story Time Detectives! (15-20 minutes)

Let's read our story! I'll read it aloud, and I want you to listen like a detective.

(Read the chosen picture book aloud. Pause strategically during the reading.)

- **Pause after introducing characters:** "Who have we met so far in the story? These are our characters! Let's name them."
- **Pause when the setting is established:** "Where are the characters right now? Where is this story happening? This is the setting!"
- **Pause after a key event:** "Wow! What just happened? That sounds like an important event!" (Repeat for 1-2 more major events).

Use enthusiasm and prompt the student gently if they need help. "Is the wolf a character?" "Are they in a castle or a little house?" "Did the pigs build houses or sing songs?"

Activity 2: Draw the Story! (10-15 minutes)

Now it's your turn to show me what you remember!

On your paper, let's draw:

1. **The main character(s):** Who was the most important person or animal in the story? Draw them!
2. **The setting:** Where did the story happen? Draw the place!
3. **One big event:** What was one important thing that happened? Draw it!

(Provide guidance and encouragement as the student draws. Ask them to tell you about their drawing.)

Conclusion: Super Story Sleuth! (5 minutes)

You did an amazing job being a story detective today! You found the characters (who), the setting (where), and the important events (what happened). Remembering these parts helps us understand stories better!

Can you tell me one character from our story? Where did it happen? What was one thing that happened?

Great work! Reading is so much fun when we know what to look for!