

## Ellie's Story Sorting Adventure

*Learning objective: To understand the structure of a simple story by sequencing events in the correct order: beginning, middle, and end.*

Ellie the Elephant has been reading a lovely story about a lost balloon, but the pictures and sentences have got all mixed up! Look at the three parts of the story below. Cut them out or number them from 1 to 3 to show the correct order of the story. Use the word bank to help you describe what is happening.

*Word bank: Beginning · Middle · End · Balloon · Garden · Happy*

**1. 1. A bright red balloon flies over Ellie's garden. (Write 'Beginning' if this happens first.) (1 mark)**

**2. 2. Ellie chases the balloon as it floats higher and higher into the sky. (Write 'Middle' if this happens next.) (1 mark)**

**3. 3. The balloon lands softly in a tree and Ellie finds it. Everyone is happy! (Write 'End' if this happens last.) (1 mark)**

**4. 4. Which part of the story did you like the best and why? (2 marks)**

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**5. 5. Can you think of a different ending for the story? Tell a partner or write it down. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw your favourite part of Ellie's story in the big box below. Make sure to include Ellie the Elephant!



*Extension challenge: Choose your favourite book from the classroom. Can you point to the beginning, the middle, and the end of that story to a friend?*