

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)

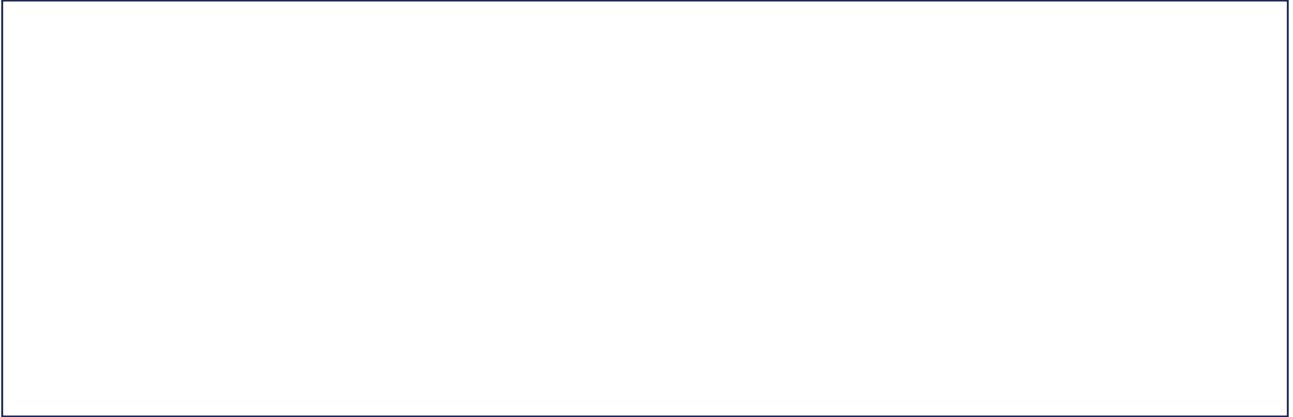
2. 2. Ellie chases the balloon as it floats higher and higher into the sky. (Write 'Middle' if this happens next.) (1 mark)

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)

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

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?