

Discussion Questions

Use these questions to structure a team development meeting, or reflect on your own practice

- Think about the when and where you usually share stories and write a list of ALL the possible distractions – it can be useful to think about these in a sensory way, making lists of what they can see, hear etc.
- If you usually use books for story time, how comfortable do you feel deviating from the book? Think about the voice of the child and where it fits into stories within your setting.
- Are there wee ones you work with who struggle to engage in stories? Could some of the techniques Andy talks about in the podcast help engage them more?

Creative challenge

In the podcast Andy talks about a “beans on toast” story – a basic story structure you can use as the basis of a creative, collaborative storytelling session with wee ones.

Take a look at the example of the zoo story Andy spoke about and how elements map onto the Wheel of Enchantment, then use the blank template to write your own “beans on toast” story and map out ways you could develop that basic story with wee ones.

Further Reading

Wee Inspirations:

- [Yes and...](#) (linking to not knowing the end of the story)
- [Between the lines...](#) (linking to playing with themes from stories)
- [Storytelling Hat](#)

Blogs:

- [Top tips for storytelling – from a master storyteller](#)

Projects:

- [Talking Tales](#)
- [SPIKE! a dinosaur caper](#)

Listen back

Beans on toast **23:51**

Golden rules to storytelling
14:00

Wheel of Enchantment **26:54**

Storytelling Hat **30:06**

Sharing your story **48:12**

The Wheel of Enchantment Example

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Ask for suggestions how you get ready

Who can show me how you do...?

Set up the story corner - "It's Story Time"

Suggestions in the story hat

Ask what animals we meet

What did they bring back from the zoo?

BONUS petty crime: did someone bring something home with them?

Do we have to take it back again?

Noises to pique interest (e.g. gargling while brushing teeth, whoosh of traffic)

Act out suggestions from story hat

We say hello to all the animals
We get the bus home

We get up and ready

We catch the bus to the zoo

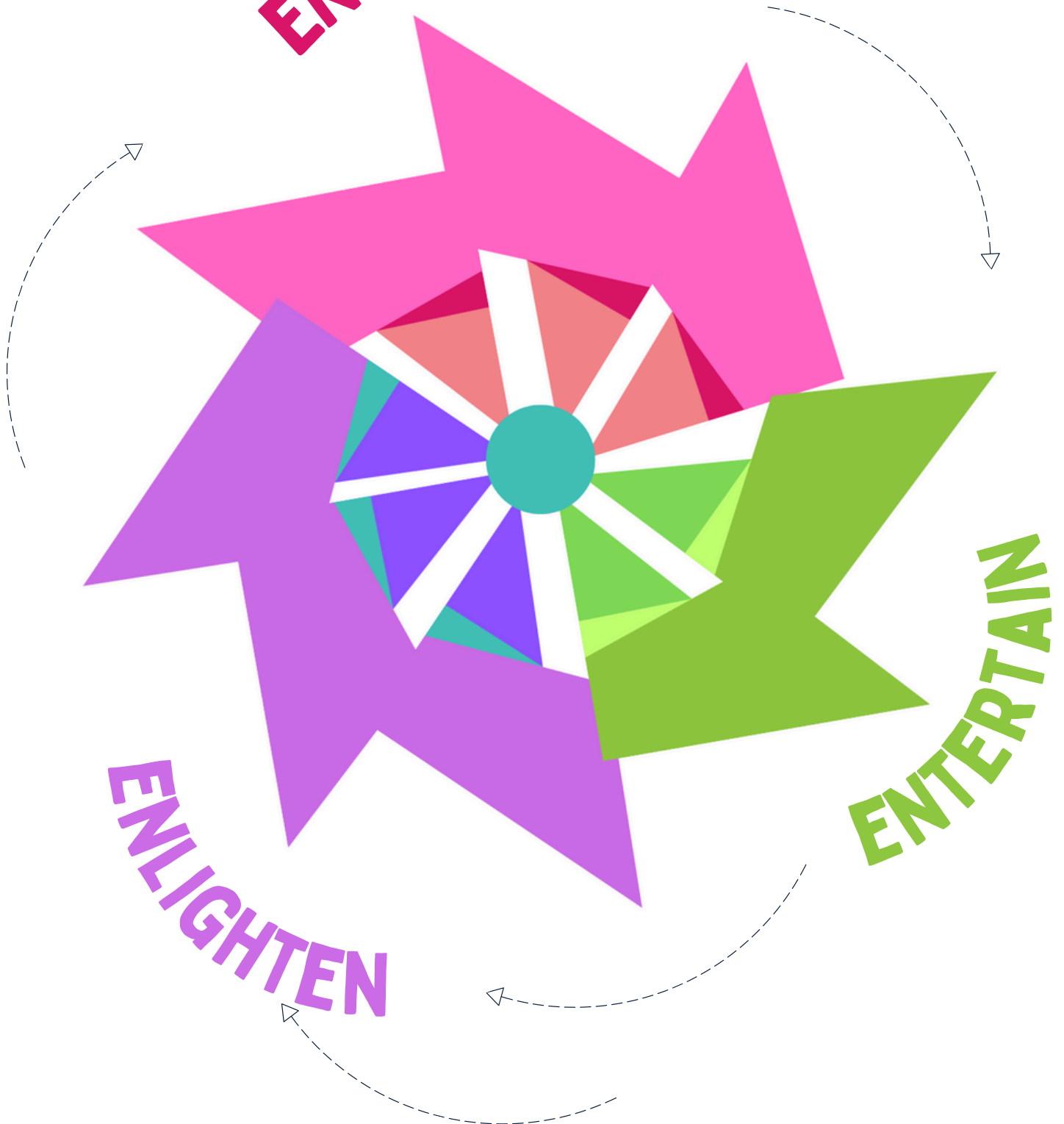
Add movement/ actions to each stage of the story
Introduce props

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The Wheel of Enchantment Blank

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