

# Class 4 Literacy

Week 2

Session 2

In this session, we are going to box up *The King of the Fishes* and start to think about how we can innovate it, to make it our own.

# Boxing up

The King of the Fishes is a wishing tale.

Let's look at the underlying pattern of the story by putting each section of the plot into a separate box. Later, we can use this to help us plan a new story.

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When you box up The King of the Fishes, it follows a similar pattern:

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|---|--|-------------------|
| Li is a poor fisherman.   | <b>MC is poor</b>  |                   |
| Li catches the King of the fishes but chooses to put it back                        | <b>MC rescues an animal that is the King or Queen of its kind.</b>         |                   |
| The King of the Fishes grants Li one wish.  | <b>The animal grants the MC one wish.</b>                                  |                   |
| Li asks each member of his family what they would wish for. He struggles to decide. | <b>The MC struggles to decide what to wish for.</b>                        |                   |
| Li combines three wishes into one and asks the King of the Fishes for his wish.     | <b>The MC chooses his wish, asks the creature and his wish is granted.</b> |                   |
| Everyone is happy. Li is now rich.  | <b>All is well. The MC is now rich.</b>                                    |                   |

# Innovation Ideas

In your story, your main character will need to rescue a King or a Queen of a species.

Here's a chance to get creative. Pick an animal and draw or describe what the King or Queen of its kind would look like. You could use paper and coloured pens or pencils. You could make a model or use a computer.

Some children from another school have done some examples:



This is what Zoe (Y4) thought the King of the Aliens would look like!



And here is another Y4 pupil's work – The Queen of the Iguanas!

I have planned two new stories. One hugs very closely to the model and one just shakes hands with it. Have a look at mine. Can you tell which is which?

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| Everyone is happy.  | All is well. The MC is now rich.                                    | <i>MC is now a famous, rich dancer and friends again with mum.</i>  |

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You don't have to copy out the blank boxing up grid but use it to plan your new story. Will you hug close to the model or just shake hands with it? It's up to you!

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Well done! I know how hard it is to plan a story but I am sure you tried your very best and that is all I ask for. Next week, I will choose one of the boxed up plans to write in full. We can write it together, bit by bit.

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