BBC LEARNING PRESENTS

CBeebies: Stories by the Sea Live Lesson

Date: Tuesday, 11th October 2016
Time: 11:00am
Duration: 25 minutes (approx.)
Location: bbc.co.uk/livelessons
*(**Note:** if you can't watch the webcast live, you will be able to watch the recording on the Live Lessons website)*

Curriculum links

Key Stage 1/1ˢᵗ Level - Literacy

As part of the lesson, students will be encouraged to:

- Plan and talk about their writing
- Write down ideas and key words, including new vocabulary
- Listen to and explore different events and characters in stories
- Organise and present their ideas, thoughts and feelings in a logical sequence
- Tell their own stories based on imagination and personal experiences
- Use expanded noun phrases in their descriptions

Setup

How much space and equipment is needed?

The lesson can be screened in a classroom with a large screen linked to a reliable broadband connection. Good audio equipment is not essential but will make the event more enjoyable.

As we'll be asking students to get involved in activities throughout the lesson, it would be beneficial if students had the space to move around.

How many students can participate?

It's completely up to you how many students you have participating in the session. We want to get as many students as possible engaged in this Live Lesson. Space might be a consideration if you have a very large group.

How to prepare for the lesson

Before the lesson

In this Live Lesson, we'll be exploring how to write a story from beginning to end. We'll be introducing pupils to the key concepts of plot, character and setting, as well as conflict and resolution. Below are suggested activities that are designed to provide options for introducing classes to key concepts or building on ideas after the lesson's finished. They are not essential for watching the Live Lesson.

Prior to the lesson, you can download the following activity sheets from our website:

- **Pre-lesson activity: Describing the Rockpool**
- **Old Jack's Boat Rockpool Tales: Character sheets**
- **Lyric sheet: A sailor went to sea, sea, sea**

To help the students get involved in the lesson, you could help introduce them to the characters we'll be meeting in the lesson with the character sheets, which contain short descriptions.

We will also be starting and ending the lesson with the song 'A sailor went to sea, sea, sea'. You can download the audio file from our website and use the lyric sheet to practise singing this with your pupils, so they're ready to join in.

The pre-lesson activity asks pupils to think of words to describe things you see or find in the Rockpool. Send in your pupils' answers to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk for the chance to be highlighted on the programme.

As part of our seaside theme, it might also help get your students in the mood if you had a non-uniform day, having the students come to school in seaside-themed clothes like striped shirts, sailors' hats or red neckerchiefs.

The beginning

In the first section of the Live Lesson, we'll be discussing the beginning of a story, and introduce the concepts of character and setting.

This segment involves the pre-lesson activity mentioned above, so do send your students' descriptions in to us then if not before.

We will also be asking students to explore the setting of a rock pool using their senses – by having children touch and smell objects in an artificial rock pool and listen to the sound of waves and bubbling water.

You could have your pupils join in with the experience by creating your own artificial rock pool in your classroom. All you'll need is a container filled with some sand, rocks, seaweed, shells, and water. There will be cues in the Live Lesson for pupils in classrooms to join in.

The muddle in the middle

In the second section of the Live Lesson, we'll be exploring the middle of a story and how you introduce a problem or dilemma.

Students will be given 60 seconds to come up with ideas for problems that could occur in our Rockpool Tale, and invited to share their ideas with us.

Teachers will also be asked to be our eyes and ears in the classroom and to send us some great ideas that your pupils come up with, so you might want to make sure you've got your computer or smartphone to hand during those 60 seconds.

The end

In the third section of the Live Lesson, we'll be exploring story endings and the different ways you can resolve conflict in a story.

Our studio audience will be asked to participate in a live vote where they choose the ending to our Rockpool Tale. The full story, from beginning to end, will then be read out live in the studio by a very special guest.

Although students in the classroom won't be able to participate in the vote, it might be worth conducting a vote within your own classroom, and discuss how your pupils would have preferred to end the story.

After the Live Lesson

We've created a set of resources for you to use with your class after the Live Lesson ends, to continue exploring storytelling using some of the techniques and ideas that we've introduced in the lesson.

You can download these activity sheets from our website:

- **Follow-up activity: Story mountain story planner**
- **Follow-up activity: Writing using your senses**
- **Follow-up activity: Planning your character**
- **Follow-up activity: Different types of conflict**
- **Follow-up activity: Story endings**

Contact us

You can email any questions or comments before and during the Live Lesson to **live.lessons@bbc.co.uk**, or by using the hashtag **#bbclivelessons**. We'll aim to answer as many of your questions as possible.

We'd also love to see examples of your students' work. If your classes have created any work or carried out any activities using the resources on our website, please do send it in to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk, and they could be showcased on the programme and on our website.

If you let us know if your school is planning to tune in on the day, your school name could also be featured on the programme.

Thank you for your interest in the CBeebies: Stories by the Sea Live Lesson, and we hope you'll join us at 11am on 11th October.