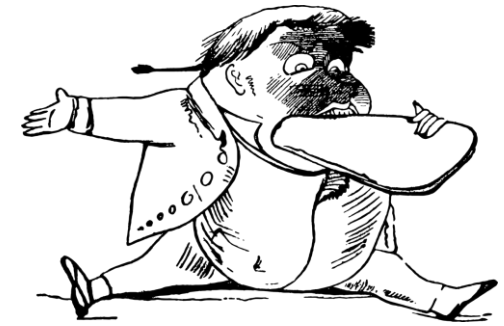


Writing a *Splendiferous* Picture Book!

Writing a picture book is like baking a cake. *Really?* Well, no. Not really. But it can be just as much fun. Read the instructions below and have a go at creating your own edible picture book. Just, don't **actually** try to eat it! IMPORTANT! Read BEFORE you start:



1. Exaggerate the story! Ideas are everywhere. They don't have to be complicated. But remember always make your story idea **unique**! Exaggerate a little. Make it quirky and different. Your dog didn't lose a bone. He lost a dinosaur bone. And the dinosaur wants it back!!
2. Quirky Characters! Make your characters interesting. Not just a dog, a ZOMBIE DOG who's afraid of children AND only has three legs. Give your characters **quirky** personalities. And don't have too many. Remember, it's a picture book. NOT a novel.
3. Stupendous Settings! **Go wild** with the setting. Set your story somewhere your readers will remember. You don't want to be drawing pictures of your kitchen on every page. YAWN. Better to be drawing a jungle on Planet Getmeoutofhere.
4. Be Mean! Good stories must have lots of **conflict**. Make life difficult for your main character. So, Zombie Dog lost his favourite toy? If he wants it back, make him cross the Forest of Terrible Accidents. ☠
5. Write with Pizzazz! Remember it's a picture book. **500 words maximum**! So make every word special. Your character doesn't walk. **Be creative**! Make her SKIP, STUMBLE, PLOD, STOMP, HURTLE, RACE or ROCKET from one place to another.
6. Pictures that Sing! Be imaginative. Drawing doesn't have to be complicated or perfect. Think cartoons. But make your pictures **add something** to the story. Pencil, crayon, marker, paint, digital or cut outs. It's really up to you.

It's time to have a go. Grab your pencils, pens, oven gloves (not really) and find a spot to sit. You can use the storyboard on the next page to create your story. Or, create your own. When you're done, upload your story for **60-minutes** in your Passport to Learning.

