

# Story Clue Detectives

Students use story clues to tell four traditional literature types apart.

**1.9.A** “demonstrate knowledge of distinguishing characteristics of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, fairy tales, and nursery rhymes;”

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

## 1 STORY CLUES

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | A | B | C | D |
| b | A | B | C | D |

## 2 MATCH CLUES

|   |   |   |        |
|---|---|---|--------|
| A | • | • | Passed |
| B | • | • | Lesson |
| C | • | • | Rhymes |
| D | • | • | Magic  |

**HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE**

Read the letter key aloud before students begin. Students listen for clues in short story descriptions, then use letters and clue words to show what they know about fables, fairy tales, folktales, and nursery rhymes.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

**PART 1 • STORY CLUES**

**SAY** “The letters stand for story types. A means fable, B means fairy tale, C means folktale, and D means nursery rhyme. Listen to each story clue, then circle the letter that names that kind of story.”

| ROW | SAY                                                                                                                   | STUDENTS CIRCLE |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| a   | A story was told by grandparents to parents, then to children, for many years. Which letter names this kind of story? | <b>C</b>        |
| b   | A tiny mouse finds a magic door and meets a princess. Which letter names this kind of story?                          | <b>B</b>        |

**PART 2 • MATCH CLUES**

**SAY** “Use the same letter key. Read the clue words with me: Lesson, Magic, Passed, Rhymes. Which clue word goes with each letter? Draw a line to match them.”

- **A** matches **Lesson**
- **B** matches **Magic**
- **C** matches **Passed**
- **D** matches **Rhymes**

**WHAT TO ACCEPT**

Circle C for the first row and B for the second row. Match A to Lesson, B to Magic, C to Passed, meaning passed down from person to person, and D to Rhymes.