

Activity Challenge: Sky Story Time

❶ To get started:

1. Head outside (to a yard or park) with blankets or towels and pillows, or whatever you need to create a comfortable space.
2. Lie down comfortably looking upwards at the sky.
3. Find shapes in the clouds. If you are doing this as a family or in a group, take turns sharing the shapes you find.
4. Get a little more creative with your cloud shapes, and create characters based on the cloud shapes you see.
5. Make up a story using the cloud characters you've created. If you are doing this as a family or in a group, play the story game to create a collaborative story with your different characters.

❷ How to play the story game:

- ▶ Person one starts off the story.
- ▶ Person two continues the story by saying the next sentence.
- ▶ Person three carries on the story, and so on.
- ▶ Depending on the size of the group, each player may have between 2 to 5 turns adding to the story.
- ▶ When the story is coming to an end, the last player says the ending sentence.

❸ Story game rules and tips:

- ▶ You need at least two players in the game.
- ▶ Players must finish the previous sentence off and then start a new sentence.
- ▶ All players should follow the “yes, and” rule of improv – meaning everyone must accept the previous contributions to the story, and continue building the story based on what has already been established.
- ▶ The game/ story can be as long or short as you like and should have a clear beginning, middle and end.
- ▶ Make sure you take turns in a consistent order so everyone has equal turns to add to the story.
- ▶ To add a challenge element, you may set a time limit or turn limit for each player.

Story Game Prompts

You receive a letter from...

You hear a knock on the door and...

You find a monster hiding on your cupboard and...

After getting stuck in the basement, you notice...

You time travel to the year 3000 and...

You invent something new and...