

EXERCISE #1: MINDSTORMING

Okay, everyone quiet down. Welcome to class, Scurvy Spat. In case you didn't notice, we're a band of monkey-pirates who love to study all kinds of stories. Captain Yogger believes story is mighty important, no matter what types of stories you want to tell. By learning the Grammar of Story, you'll be able to sail with ease across the sea of any story.

So, get your mind ready to storm! We will be doing a lot of exercises in this class. Since this is Scurvy Spat's first day, we'll start with some practice exercises. Now Spat, don't worry about doing things "right" or "wrong" in this room. Just come up with lots of ideas. It shouldn't take long; there's no reason to overthink it. Put on your pirate hat, be creative and have fun!

But first, in order for you to do some mindstorming, I had to mindstorm my own list of categories. Take a look at these and circle the ones that you like.

1. Places you'd love to visit

2. Your favorite books

3. Movies that make you sad

4. Best/worst birthday presents

5. Colors

6. Things monkeys throw

7. Jelly bean flavors

8. Things to take on vacation

9. Pieces of furniture

10. People you know
11. Awful ice cream flavors

12. Board games

13. Types of candy

14. Animated characters

15. Things at an amusement park

16. Household chores

17. Things that belong in a kitchen

18. Types of sports

19. Tasty fruits

20. Animals you'd like as a pet

Let's take number 5: Colors. Mindstorm your own list of colors. I'll do the first few for you:

1. Orange

2. Blue

3. Cyan

4. Magenta

5. Chartreuse

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

That wasn't so hard, was it?

Now, choose one of my mindstormed categories that you liked and circled and come up with 8 things for it, just like we did for color.

- Category: _____
1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____