

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.

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| 1. Places you'd love to visit | 11. Awful ice cream flavors |
| 2. Your favorite books | 12. Board games |
| 3. Movies that make you sad | 13. Types of candy |
| 4. Best/worst birthday presents | 14. Animated characters |
| 5. Colors | 15. Things at an amusement park |
| 6. Things monkeys throw | 16. Household chores |
| 7. Jelly bean flavors | 17. Things that belong in a kitchen |
| 8. Things to take on vacation | 18. Types of sports |
| 9. Pieces of furniture | 19. Tasty fruits |
| 10. People you know | 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:

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| 1. Orange | 4. Magenta | 7. _____ |
| 2. Blue | 5. Chartreuse | 8. _____ |
| 3. Cyan | 6. _____ | 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: _____

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |