

Year 4
Activity 4

To edit and improve a
story build up

My story build up

Early one frosty morning, Alek went out to feed his cattle at the barn. The snow lay in a thick crust on the fields, ice glittered on the path and the water trough was frozen like a mirror. At that moment, Alek heard an abnormal noise in the distance. Something was caught in the brambles beside the barn. It was a beautiful, white horse. Calming the horse down, Alek pulled the brambles to one side and set the horse free. To his amazement, the horse turned and spoke to him. "Alek, I am King of the wild horses. For setting me free, I can grant you one wish. Come back at midnight, when the moon is high, and tell me your heart's desire." Then the horse shook its mane, turned and galloped away.

In activity 1, 2 and 3 we looked at expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and adventurous vocabulary. I have removed these from my opening on the next page. What do you think to my build up now?

My story build up

Alek went out to feed his cattle at the barn. The snow lay on the fields, ice was on the path and the water trough was frozen. Alek heard a noise in the distance. Something was caught in the brambles beside the barn. It was a horse. Alek pulled the brambles to one side and set the horse free. The horse turned and spoke to him. "Alek, I am King of the wild horses. For setting me free, I can grant you one wish. Come back at midnight, and tell me what you want." Then the horse left.

Does a build up need more detail just like the opening?

Step 1 - Expanded noun phrases

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Use your learning from activity 2 and 3 to think of some interesting expanded noun phrases you could use. Remember to use adventurous vocabulary.

Step 2 - Fronted Adverbials

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Think of range fronted adverbials you could use through the build up. They could how, where or when something happens.

e.g.

How - Gently,

Where - Under the bright moon,

When - Late one dark evening,

Try to think of 3 of each

Step 3

Adventurous Verbs and adverbs

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We are going to develop our build up even further!

Think about how Alek and the horse are moving (*verbs*) and how they could be doing this (*adverbs*)

e.g.

Went could become '*slowly trudged*'
Left could become '*gracefully galloped*'

Challenge - Short burst write

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Use your learning to write your own story build up for the 'King of the Wild Horses' story.