

## Writing Games

### Finishing The Sentence

In this game you provide a beginning, a middle, or an end of a sentence and the children *have to try and complete it.*

*The old king...*

*The children arrived at...*

*...into the sack.*

*... jumped over...*

### What If...?

This game exercises the children's ability to pursue an idea imaginatively. Allow a few minutes of 'quick writing' using the following 'What if...?' questions as prompt. Children are able to pose weird and wonderful questions.

*e.g. What would happen if pencils could talk?*

*What would happen if trees could walk?*

### Word Swap

Begin by selecting a sentence from any book, e.g.

***I dashed into the bathroom and brushed my teeth.***

Show the children how you can swap words over – in this instance the verbs, e.g.

***I brushed into the bedroom and dashed my teeth.***

You can also try swapping over the nouns or adjectives.

### Random Story Game

In this game, you provide three to four random words and the children have to try and write a short story linking all the words together.

### The Questionator

You will need: a poster, picture or video clip of a setting. E.g. seaside, a supermarket, a hospital, a party, a swimming pool, etc.

This is a quick-fire observation game in which children are asked to describe what's going on in a particular setting.

Ask the children to write down as many questions as they can think of when they look at the setting. E.g. *Who is there? Where are they? What are they doing?*

Answers could be given orally, or written speedily on paper.