

A group of Toy Story characters are gathered in Andy's room. On the left is the large purple teddy bear Lotso. Next to him is Rex the green dinosaur. In the center are Mr. Potato Head, Hamm the piggy bank, and Woody the cowboy. To the right of Woody are Jessie the cowgirl, Buzz Lightyear, Barbie, and Ken. The background shows a child's room with a window, a desk with various items, and colorful butterfly decorations on the wall.

# Writing

LI: To write an imaginative story with an interesting plot.

This week's writing task:

**Write an imaginative story about a toy coming to life.**


Before we start writing, let's think of some ideas.

**Imagine a toy box. Open the lid. What toys are inside?**

**Write down as many as you can think of.**



**After this, choose which toy you would like to write about in your story.**



# Now you have chosen the toy, let's start planning what happens in the story (the plot).

- We are going to use a Story Mountain to plan our story.
- I will show you an example of my story mountain on the next page.
- Remember to use key words.

**Introduction**— set the scene and introduce main character

**Build up** – toy comes alive

**Problem** - toy gets into some trouble

**Resolution** – how does the toy get out of trouble

**Ending** - what happens in the end?

### Settings

Toy shop  
Andy's bedroom

### Problem

Suddenly, B starts blinking/eyes look around. Jumps up, scans room looking for Alien life. Sneaks downstairs. Other toys try to stop him getting caught.

### Characters

Main Character - Andy  
Toy - Buzz Lightyear  
Other toys – Woody, Little Bo Peep, Mr Potato Head

### Build Up

At the toy shop, he can't decide. Then spots Buzz. L.  
Gets home and has fun playing with all his toys.  
Time for A to go have dinner.

### Resolution

Other toys make a plan to rescue Buzz from downstairs before he gets spotted. Hiding behind different objects in house eg, lamps, sofa, kettle.

### Introduction

When? A sunny day in April  
Andy got a great school report  
Mum decides to buy him a brand new toy as a treat.

## Story Mountain

### Ending

Buzz is rescued and toys get back to bedroom. Back to positions and Andy comes in, doesn't notice anything wrong. Starts playing with toys again.

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# Time to write your story! Choose your level of challenge:

## Success Criteria:

**Mild** – I can draw a picture of the toy and write 3 sentences about what it does when it comes to life.

**Spicy** – I can use a story mountain to plan the plot of my story.

I can write at least one sentence for each part of the story (Introduction, Build up, Problem, Resolution, Ending).

**Hot** – I can use a story mountain to plan the plot of my story AND write a full story. Remember to use powerful adjectives, connectives and punctuation.

# Example Story using Example Story Mountain.

On an ordinary sunny day in April, something extraordinary happened. Andy came home from school with his report in his hands. Nervously, he gave it to his Mum. She read it aloud with tears in her eyes. "Andy, this is brilliant! I am so proud of you! Let's go to the toy shop and you can choose a brand- new toy as a reward."

On the car journey to the shop, Andy just couldn't make up his mind on which toy he wanted. Even in the shop, he took at least twenty minutes trying to decide. Then, it was like a toy was calling his name. "Andy!" He turned around. Nothing. "Andy!" His Mum didn't seem to notice anyone had said it. Then there it was – the toy he knew instantly he had to have. Buzz Lightyear! When they got home, he took his new toy straight to his room to play with. His friends are going to be so jealous! "Andy! It's time for tea!" Mum shouted. "Coming!" replied Andy. He dropped his new toy and ran downstairs.

The bedroom door closed. Suddenly, Buzz Lightyear opened his eyes. He blinked and sat up straight. He was alert for any danger in this new strange place. He scanned the room, looking for threats. "I need to find Andy, and make sure he is safe!" thought Buzz, who was programmed to protect his new owner. Cautiously, he tip-toed over the other toys scattered on the ground and sneaked out of the bedroom door.

# Example Story using Example Story Mountain.

Little did he know, the other toys were coming alive as well. Woody was the leader of the gang, and knew immediately that they had to stop Buzz if they were going to keep their secret. "Come on, guys! Let's go after him!" he announced. "Whatever you do, do not get caught by Andy's family!"

First it was Mr Potato head to leave the room. He took off his eye and stretched it out in his hand, scanning the hallway for any dangers. "All clear!" Little Bo Peep and Woody quietly ran to the stairs, just managing to hide behind a lamp when Andy's sister ran past. That was close! The next challenge was getting down the stairs. There was only one toy who could help with this – Slinky! One by one, they held on to his tail and jumped from the top stair to the bottom. Once they let go, Slinky's tail would spring back to the top ready for the next toy to go. After a few minutes of dodging and diving behind furniture, they finally reached the kitchen where they spotted Buzz. He was trying to get Andy's attention. Buzz forward flipped off the kitchen counter and landed on the floor right next to where Andy was sitting! Just as he was about to tap Andy's leg, something grabbed Buzz round the neck and pulled him away. It was Little Bo Peep's cane she uses for guiding her sheep! "Never do that again or our secret will be ruined." She whispered angrily to Buzz. Buzz was so scared of her, he knew he would never try it again!

Quickly, the toys all ran back to Andy's bedroom and just managed to lie back down in their positions when Andy came back in. The toys immediately became lifeless, even though they were out of breath from the drama of earlier!