

Spreading out from Stories (Plenary)

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Starting Points for Spreading Out

Here are just a few personal choices of material that you can tell, or read aloud, in the classroom.

Picture Books 4-7 years (top ten only; many more used):

Bergman, Mara & Maland, Nick	Snip Snap!
Burningham, John	Would you Rather...
Fox, Mem	Hattie and the Fox
Gray, Kes & Sharratt, Nick	Eat your Peas
Grindley, Sally & Utton, Peter	Shhh!
Inkpen, Mick	The Blue Balloon
Jadoul, Emile	Look out! It's the Wolf!
Lacome, Julie	Walking through the Jungle
MacRae, Tom & Ward, Nick	Baby Pie
Monks, Lydia	Aaaarrgghh, Spider!

Picture Books sometimes also used at 7-12 years:

Klassen, Jon	This is not my Hat
Novak, B J	The Book with No Pictures
Willans, Tom	Wait! I want to tell you a story
Wormell, Chris	The Two Frogs

Some Favourite Short Folk Tales:

Why Dog lives with Man (a myth from Taffy Thomas; in Pie Corbett's The Gingerbread Man collection)
Stone Soup (in various collections; a familiar story in most European countries)
The Pedlar of Swaffham (English version of a folktale known in the Middle East; e.g. The 1001 Nights)
Monkey See, Monkey Do (known in Africa [e.g. Mali], India and elsewhere. Also called 'Caps for Sale')
Lazy Jack (English folktale; other versions include the Russian 'Princess who never Smiled')
Trousers too long and too short (short Turkish story [originally from Aydin Province])
Going to Granny's (a funny story for younger children, from Liz Weir's 'Boom-Chicka-Boom' book)

Sources for Urban Legends:

Also ask students themselves!

Brunvald, Jan Harold	Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid and The Vanishing Hitchhiker
Holt, David & Mooney, Bill	The Exploding Toilet and Spiders in the Hairdo
Alvin Schwartz, Alvin & Gammell, Stephen	Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark and More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

Poetry - some UK and US poets to try:

Allan Ahlberg	Jack Prelutsky
Charles Causley	Michael Rosen
Richard Edwards	Shel Silverstein
Mary Ann Hoberman	Clyde Watson
Trevor Millum	Colin West
A A Milne	Kit Wright
Brian Moses	Bernard Young

Riddles:

Lots of English collections available on line, including ones by authors like Prefonatine and Regan. Choose ones that don't involve complex language play.