

Mystery Box

Dear Moms,

The mystery box your student made is another starting point for storytelling.

You can use the box in several ways. Please note that anything you add to the box should be a secret surprise! This is the “mystery” part of the box. Whatever it is you determine to add to the box, it will be used to spark a story!

Remember to remind your student to include a setting, characters, and problems (conflicts) throughout the story he tells.

If your student gets stuck while telling her story, ask questions! 😊

Ideas for the Mystery Box

1. Add a small plastic animal or toy to the box.
2. Add a small trinket (or trinkets) such as a ring, fake gemstone, coin, etc., to the box.
3. Cut out the story starters below. Choose one you think your student would like, and fold it up. Add it to the box.

Story Starters

1. When I visited the zoo, the _____ escaped!

2. I looked under my bed, and I found . . .

3. High in the mountains lived a little . . .

4. I followed a _____ into the forest.

5. My _____ (pet) ate sixteen pizzas last night!