

Pattern Two: Stuck Stories

FAQ: What is a stuck story?

Answer: A story in which a character or object becomes stuck and the motive is to free it. Andrew's Loose Tooth by Robert Munsch or Berlioz, the Bear by Jan Brett are examples of this type of story.

FAQ: What can objects/characters become stuck as?

Stuck as: another character, an animal, a statue

Stuck in: sleep, time, storms, places (buildings, caves, ships, space ships, planes, boats, mines,

FAQ: Why does the story map have a pocket?

Answer: The pocket represents the character or object which gets stuck.

Stuck Story Map # 1

Lesson One:

Setting: North Pole

Character: Santa Claus

Motive: Santa needs to deliver presents for Christmas Eve. He flies off on his sleigh full of toys into the setting sun and heads for the first house on his list.

What gets stuck: Rudolph's tongue

Why it gets stuck: Rudolph is thirsty and tries to lick snow off a T.V. antenna.

Choose one:

*trick

*disaster

*act of god

*use of force

Lesson Four:

Object or Character is freed

Choose:

*trick

*luck

*act of god

*hard work

*someone helps

Santa pours hot chocolate from his thermos on Rudolph's tongue and it is freed from the antenna. Santa and the team finish delivering the gifts as dawn breaks.

First Stuck Story Plot Pattern:

1. **Setting, Character & Motive (needs/wants to..)**

2. **Character/Object gets stuck due to:**

*trick

*act of god (weather, magic)

*disaster

*use of force (physical or political)

3. **Motive:** Main Character wants to free object or person that is stuck.

4. **First unsuccessful attempt** at freeing person/object through a character.

5. **Second unsuccessful attempt** at freeing person/object through a character.

6. **Person/Object is freed through:**

*trick

*luck

*someone helps

*hard work

*act of god (weather, magic, miracle)

Show emotion (happy/relieved)

Lesson Two:

First Unsuccessful Attempt at Freeing Stuck Object

While Santa is inside the house, his reindeer team try to free Rudolph by yanking him backwards. Rudolph screeches, digs his heels in and doesn't budge.

Lesson Three:

Second Unsuccessful Attempt at Freeing Stuck Object

Santa emerges from the chimney, sees Rudolph's predicament and tries wiggling his head back and forth. Rudolph steps on Santa's boot with his hoof and stops him.



Stuck books you might know:

1. The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch
2. Uncle Farley's False Teeth by Alice Walsh
3. The Frog Prince traditional
4. The Enormous Turnip traditional
5. King Midas and the Golden Touch traditional
6. Princess Frownsalot by John Bianchi
7. The Golden Goose retold by Barbara Reid
8. Tiddalick, the Frog who Caused a Flood
by Robert Roennfeldt
10. Grandma and the Pirates by Phoebe Gilman
11. Ordinary Amos and the Amazing Fish by
Eugenie and Henrey Fernandes

Second Stuck Pattern

1. **Setting, Main Character & Motive (needs/wants)**
 2. **Character takes an object/person that belongs to a second character through:**
*trick *act of god (magic)
*use of force (physical or political)
 3. **Motives:**
1st Character tries to keep object/person.
2nd Character tries to get back the object/person.
 4. **First unsuccessful attempt at freeing person/object.** Show emotion (upset)
 5. **Second unsuccessful attempt at freeing person/object.** Show emotion (upset)
 6. **Person/Object is freed through:**
*trick *luck *someone helps
*hard work *changed mind *use of force
- Show emotion (happy/relieved)**

Stuck Story Map # 2

Lesson One:

Setting: Prairies

Character: Wind

Motive: Wind wants to take all the fresh water, because he's jealous of all the attention it gets.

What gets stuck: fresh water

Why it gets stuck: One night the wind blew and blew until he had sucked up all the fresh water and hid it in the clouds.

Choose one:

*trick

*disaster

*act of god

*use of force

Lesson Four:

Object or Character is freed

Choose:

*trick

*luck

*act of god

*hard work

*someone helps

On behalf of them all, the eagle flies to contact the sun to tell him everyone on earth will die unless his heat will empty the clouds of all their water. He agrees at once, and soon the clouds explode and water is once again returned to the earth. The wind is silenced at last.

Lesson Two:

First Unsuccessful Attempt at Freeing Stuck Object

The animals, trees and plants are desperate for a drink. On behalf of all, the eagle offers to exchange all the grass for water, but the wind only laughs.

Lesson Three:

Second Unsuccessful Attempt at Freeing Stuck Object

Next, they get the eagle to contact a lightning bolt who agrees to strike the clouds in an attempt to burst the waters from them. Hundreds of strikes later, he is out of energy and the water is unmoved. Once again, the wind only laughs.