



Storytelling

...and the importance of a Toolkit

To begin...

I'd like you to write a short description of a wizard. Don't worry too much about technique at this stage: you can keep it simple!





What traditions
does your wizard
draw on - or
react against?

Storytelling Tools



Character



Imagery



Setting



Point of view



Time



Showing and telling

Toolkits for Writing





Sentence openings: Dadwavers!

<https://www.literacyshedblog.com/dadwavers>

DADWAVERS!

Description

Action

Dialogue

Where

Adverb

Verb

Estimation of time

Rhetorical Question

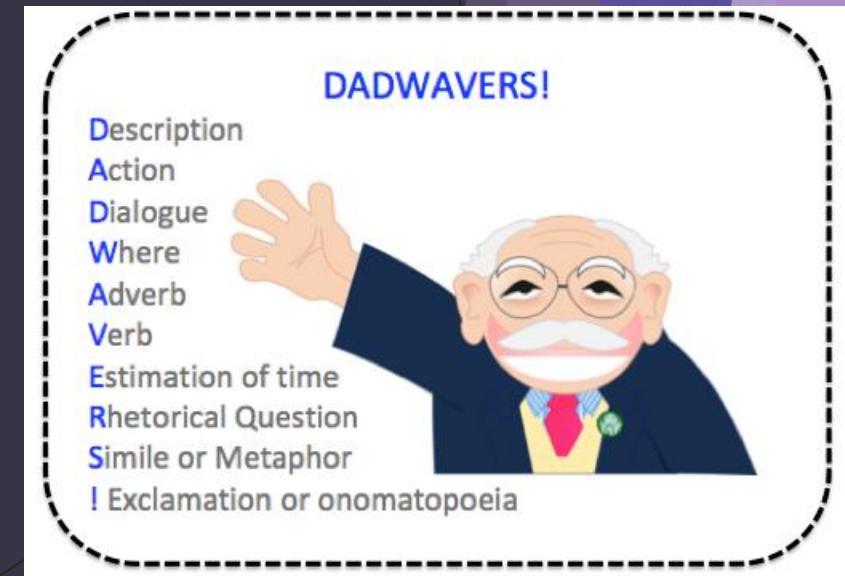
Simile or Metaphor

! Exclamation or onomatopoeia



Let's try it!

- ▶ Rewrite your wizard description - and this time, start with one of the Dadwavers and see where it takes you.
- ▶ Whenever you start a new sentence, choose a new Dadwaver.



Toolkits help you to play with traditions. They...

- ▶ ...open up new ways of thinking about a story;
- ▶ ...can take your ideas in surprising directions;
- ▶ ...help you to add variation and personality to your writing.

- ▶ They're also very useful when you get stuck!