

# What's the Story? Worksheet



This storytelling technique focuses on creative explanations of unusual observations. It all starts with that delightfully confused feeling you get when you see something unexpected or out of place...

## 1. The unexpected or out-of-place thing you encountered.

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## 2. How MIGHT it have happened?

Make a list of explanations as to how that curious thing came to be, ranging from scientific to absurd. Which one(s) might fit the genre you write? Circle the idea(s) that feel the most exciting or inspire you to explore further.

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## 3. Why, How, & Maybe...

Work your plot backwards from your favorite explanation with Why or How questions and Maybe answers until you run out of ideas. This can create key plot points that lead up to your unexpected observation.

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## 4. Rewrite your answers as a story pitch, and see if it gives you a wow factor!

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