



Storytelling

Do you like it when someone reads out loud to you?

How is it different from when you read to yourself?

Are some people better at telling or reading a story than others? Why?

Read your story out loud to your teacher, parents, or a friend.

Write a story and illustrate it below.

**Write and draw
your story here.**

Texture

Which of the following things are most like the textures of the Rabbit's fur?

- ___ sand
- ___ pine cone
- ___ dandelion
- ___ cotton
- ___ lamb's wool
- ___ prickly pear

Which of the following words capture the quality of The Fairy's wings?

- ___ spider's web
- ___ butterfly wings
- ___ birch bark
- ___ rainbow
- ___ breeze
- ___ stained glass

How to make a Dance

You will need: A space to move in
A dancer or mover
An idea

IDEA: A Rabbit Dance

Make up 2 or 3 movements for the Velveteen Rabbit:

Choose one

- as a "new rabbit" as a "shabby rabbit" as a "real rabbit"

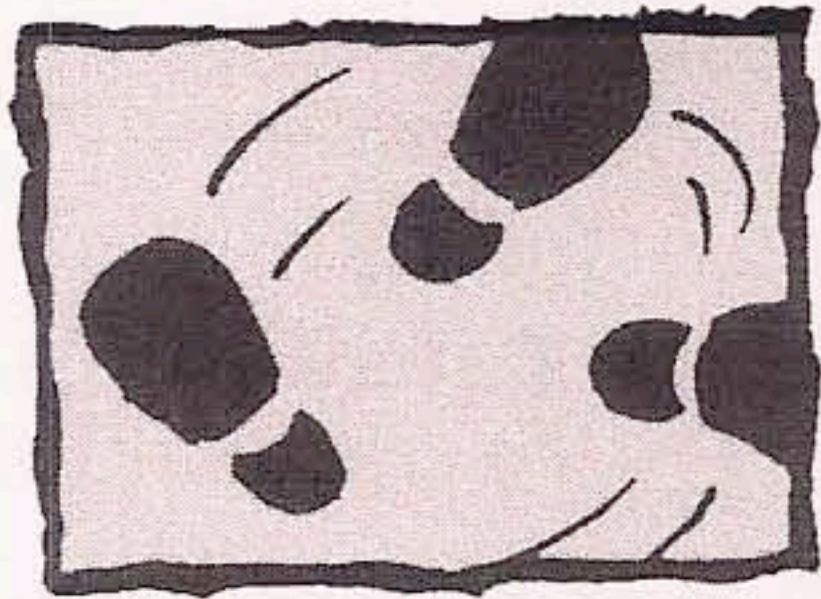
Ask Yourself:

When you make up the movements for a "real rabbit," you have made a choice of what "real" means to you. You have interpreted the meaning of "real rabbit." Look at your movement. How do you think you are showing this idea?

Now take each movement idea and make variations on it. We call this developing an idea. Make it travel, do it low, do it high, do it fast or very slow. Do it on a chair or leaning off you bed. Make sure you stick to just being "new" in the "new" dance or just being "shabby" in the "shabby" dance, or just being "real" in the "real" dance.

Ask yourself:

What is a good ending for your dance? Should you freeze? Should you wind down? Should you leave or disappear?



Step #1

Step #2

Step #3

Decide what kind of music or sound would be good for your dance. Try it.

Ask yourself:

Does it feel different when you do your dance to music?
Do you think it looks different?

Step #4

Draw a picture of what you would wear for your dance. This is the first thing a costume designer does to make costumes. Costumes have to be well thought out for dancers because they have to be able to move in them. The Velveteen Rabbit has lots of room in the costume to jump, turn, fall, and leap.

Ask yourself:

What would you wear on your feet?

Draw a picture of how the scene should look for your dance. The set can be real or imaginary. This is the first step a set designer takes to create sets and scenery.

Step #5

Ask yourself:

Should your scenery be made out of wood or paper or plastic? Is it painted? Does it move?

Step #6

Share your dance with your friends, teachers, or parents and see if they can tell what kind of rabbit you are.

Ask yourself:

Does your rabbit dance have one of these styles? Circle the style.

- A. Rock 'n Roll
- B. Abstract
- C. Hip Hop
- D. Balletic
- E. Jazzy
- F. Modern Dance
- G. Casual
- H. Your own description _____

Make a dance with a friend

ANOTHER DANCE IDEA: a little dance

**You will need: A space to move in
Two dancers or movers**

Here is a list of action words (verbs) from the story:

- | | | | | |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| slip | wedge | rustle | unwrap | miss |
| throw | boast | snub | swagger | wind up |
| sigh | hustle | swoop | roll | push |
| drag | dive | wander | stretch | tangle |

Here are a list of words from the story describing where or how action is done:

over down side by side among up
under underneath between out behind
through into sideways backwards to and fro
in

Step #1

Get a partner and take words from each list and make dances for two people. This is called a duet. Try it. It's fun!

for example:

ACTION	WHERE AND HOW
swagger	side by side
push	underneath
swoop	to and fro

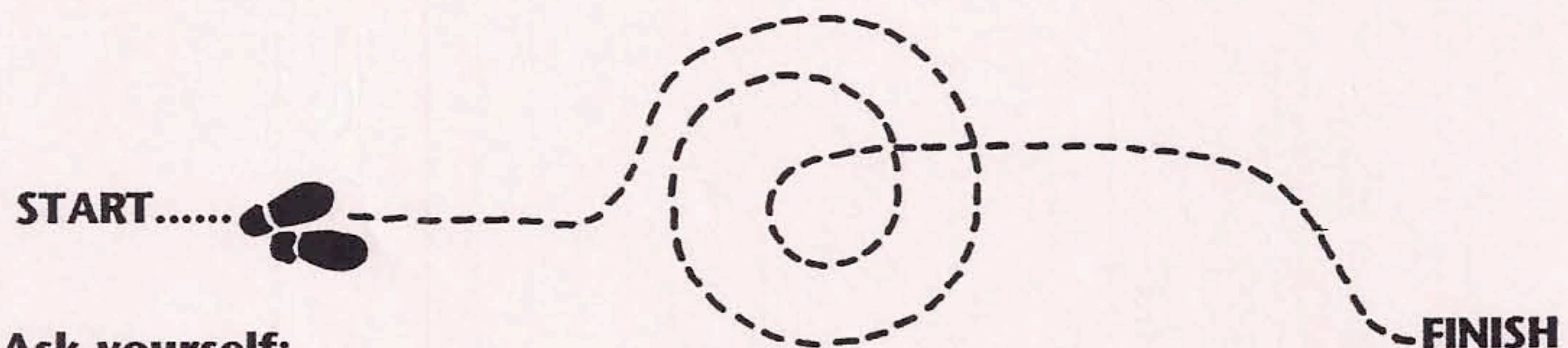
Ask yourself:

Was your duet:

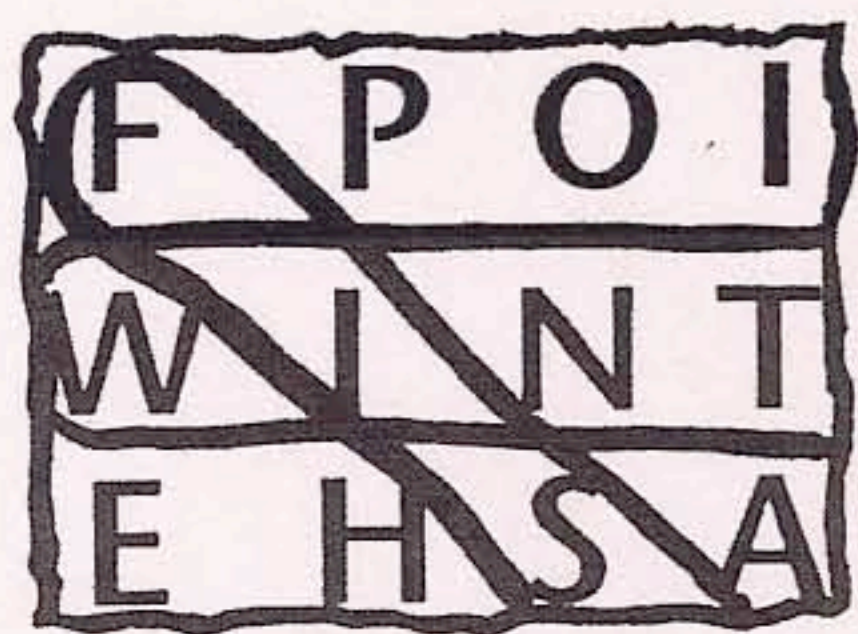
- easy silly hard pretty
 interesting fun energetic other

Step #2

Make a map of a floor pattern. Then do your movement following this shape in space. For example:



Ask yourself:
Would you like to be an artist?



Word Search

The words listed below are all from "The Velveteen Rabbit." See if you can find them.

bit by bit
Velveteen Rabbit
ill
happens
summer
toys
loose
shabby
scarlet fever
ugly
bracken
play
always
candle

what
mechanical
dance
love
swooped
winter
satin ears
china dog
hurt
buzz
out of date
tidy up
loyalty

doctor
bunny
spring
old
expression
Skin Horse
fall
real
Nana
Boy
meadow
alone
story

A	M	R	Q	P	E	S	P	A	C	T	A	O	D	F	D	E	S	T	E	G
R	B	E	U	L	F	E	T	F	O	I	N	U	S	Z	O	T	O	K	G	O
B	R	A	C	K	E	N	S	O	R	Y	I	T	H	I	C	M	I	N	A	R
W	S	L	S	K	I	N	H	O	R	S	E	O	A	Y	T	R	M	O	L	D
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T	E	P	Z	H	A	B	U	U	R	K	N	E	Q	G	D	A	U	E	A	V
C	T	H	I	A	D	O	J	Z	M	I	Y	L	Q	H	A	P	P	X	N	S
G	F	O	M	N	O	Y	B	Q	Z	M	N	K	O	P	N	P	K	P	D	W
B	E	C	O	I	W	P	F	P	O	I	E	G	O	V	C	E	I	R	L	O
F	V	A	P	C	A	W	I	N	T	E	R	R	A	W	E	N	P	E	E	O
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L	P	L	A	Y	B	O	B	I	T	B	Y	B	I	T	R	B	S	I	A	D
U	A	E	O	F	I	A	L	W	A	Y	S	T	H	U	T	O	Y	O	O	C
V	E	L	V	E	T	E	N	R	A	B	B	I	T	G	O	O	N	D	T	
T	C	H	I	N	A	D	O	G	A	L	O	L	O	Y	A	L	T	Y	T	O
D	A	E	N	P	A	L	O	O	S	E	Q	P	C	Y	E	P	Y	T	E	H

Bunny Mask

See what it is like to wear a mask while dancing. Can you remember who wore masks in "the Velveteen Rabbit" Performance? Please let your parents or teacher help you cut out the mask on the outline after you have colored it.

