Story Dice

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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

Playing Story Dice is meaningful because it sparks creativity and encourages imaginative storytelling. The game allows players to think outside the box, turning random images or words into unique, collaborative tales. It fosters communication, helps build language skills, and brings people together as they share laughter and ideas while crafting stories. The open-ended nature of the game ensures that everyone's contributions are valued, creating a sense of connection and shared accomplishment.

TIME

15+ minute set up. Unlimited play.

MATERIALS

• Story dice (you can use special dice with pictures, create your own, or use an online story dice generator)

• A flat surface to roll the dice (or a digital platform if playing online)

• A group of friends or family members to play with (either in person or on a video call)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Set Up the Game:
    a. Option 1: Physical Dice – Gather your story dice, and make sure everyone can see them when you roll. If you don't have special dice, you can make your own by drawing pictures on paper or using stickers on regular dice.
    b. Option 2: Digital Dice – Use an online story dice tool or app, and share your screen with everyone if playing remotely.
    c. In this case… Set Up the Video Call (optional): Choose a video call platform that everyone can easily use (Zoom, Google Meet, or Skype). Share the meeting link with everyone who's playing. Make sure everyone's camera is on and they have enough space to move around.
2. Explain the Rules: The goal is to create a story based on the images or words that appear on the dice. Each player takes turns rolling the dice and adding to the story using the images or words they roll. There are no right or wrong stories—just use your imagination and have fun!
3. Roll the Dice: The first player rolls the dice, revealing a set of images or words. Look at the dice and think about how to start the story based on what you see.
4. Start the Story: The first player begins the story using the images or words from their roll. For example, if you roll a picture of a sun, a tree, and a cat, you might start with, "One sunny day, a cat climbed up a tall tree…"
5. Pass the Turn: The next player rolls the dice and continues the story, adding their own twist based on the new images or words. The story keeps building as each player adds their part, creating a fun and unpredictable tale.
6. Keep the Story Going: Continue rolling the dice and adding to the story until everyone has had a turn or until the story feels complete. If playing with a group, you can set a timer or agree on a certain number of turns to keep the game moving.
7. Enjoy the Story: After everyone has contributed, enjoy the story you've created together. You can even write it down or record it as a fun keepsake to remember the game.

RESOURCES

- o How to use Zoom: [Getting started guide for new users](#)
- o How to use Google Meet: [Start or schedule a Google Meet video meeting - Android](#)
- o How to use Apple Facetime: [Make FaceTime calls on iPhone - Apple Support (CA)](#)
- o How to use Skype: [How do I get started with Skype? - Microsoft Support](#)
- o How to use Microsoft Teams: [Get started with Microsoft Teams](#)
- o Online picture dice: [ESL Story Dice Online - ESL Kids Games](#)
- o How to make your own story dice: [Make your own story cube - Scottish Book Trust](#)

SUPPORTS NEEDED

Some individuals may need assistance in setting up the video call and operating the technology.

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

Example Dice Faces:

- Objects: Tree, house, boat, book
- Animals: Dog, bird, fish, dragon
- People: A superhero, a wizard, a pirate, a princess
- Actions: Running, flying, dancing, cooking

Encourage wild and imaginative ideas—there are no limits in Story Dice! Use themes like "Adventure," "Mystery," or "Fantasy" to guide your storytelling. Play with different group sizes, from one-on-one games to large groups.