

## Story Sparklers: Fluency & Conversation Game

### Requirements

Deck of picture cards (various everyday objects/scenes)

Deck of word prompt cards (e.g., adventure, friendship, mystery)

### Timer

Optional: Small whiteboard and marker for brainstorming

Optional: Waters

### Instructions

**Introduction (5 minutes):** Welcome the client and briefly explain the activity. "Today we're going to play a game called 'Story Sparklers'. We'll use picture cards and word prompts to create stories. The goal is to practice our fluency and have a good conversation. We can also think about waters, since that's our theme." If available, offer the client a water.

**Card Selection & Brainstorming (5 minutes):** Have the client choose one picture card and one word prompt card. Place the cards face up. "Okay, let's see what we have! We have [describe picture] and the word [read word prompt]. Before we start the story, let's brainstorm ideas related to 'waters' and how they might connect to the picture and the prompt." If using a whiteboard, write down the brainstormed ideas. If not, discuss the ideas verbally.

**Storytelling (15 minutes):** Set the timer for 15 minutes. "Now, let's create a story using the picture, the word prompt, and some of our water-related ideas. Remember to focus on smooth speech and clear communication. Take your time, and don't worry about perfection. Just have fun!" Encourage the client to speak for a few sentences at a time, focusing on fluency techniques as needed (e.g., easy onsets, light articulatory contacts). Gently remind the client to incorporate water-related themes where appropriate. Engage in conversational turn-taking by asking questions related to the story as it unfolds. "That's an interesting direction! What happens next?" or "How does [character in story] feel about that?"

**Cool Down & Discussion (5 minutes):** When the timer goes off, praise the client's efforts. "Great job! That was a fantastic story!" Engage in a brief discussion about the storytelling process. "What did you find easy or challenging about telling the story? How did you feel about incorporating the water theme?" Briefly discuss any observed fluency strengths or areas for improvement. Clean up materials.