English Wonderland: short English activities for young learners

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English Wonderland is a new teacher blog of step-by-step English activities for fourth-grade EFL classes. What a post looks like, and how to use its story activity.

English Wonderland is a teacher blog of short, step-by-step English activities for young learners, and one of its November 2026 posts sends a class to Peabody to make a story. We found it when a link to us appeared there, read the post, and liked how clearly it is built. We have put the blog on our list of the best sites for ESL teachers, and this is what we saw.

We wrote this from the blog's own posts on 15 November 2026. We read the story post in full and only saw the titles of the others, so treat this as a guide to what the blog says it does, not a verdict on every post.

What a post looks like

The post we read is called "Let's create a magical story!" and is dated 11 November 2026. It is written to the children ("Hello, little explorers!") and runs in four numbered steps, so a teacher can follow it straight through in class:

1. Let's create our story. Children choose a character, a place and an idea, with examples to copy: a little dragon, an enchanted forest, finding a lost treasure.
2. Let's discover our story. They read the new story and hunt for the main character, the place, three English words they already know and two new words they want to learn.
3. Let's check. Four questions: who is the main character, where does it happen, what is the problem, how does it end. Then they share answers with a partner.
4. Your turn. They change the ending, draw it, write three or four sentences, and read it to a partner or the class. The post gives sentence starters: "One day...", "Suddenly...", "In the end...".

Below that, a short "What are we learning?" list says what the class practises: reading short stories, new vocabulary, spotting characters, settings and events, writing simple sentences, and speaking by sharing. A "Teacher's Corner" says the activity suits fourth-grade learners of English as a foreign language. The other posts we saw in the sidebar are a listening activity about a lonely bird and a watch-along of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Why it works for a small class

Three things stand out. The steps are short, so a teacher can read the post once and run it. The comprehension questions are concrete, with one answer a child can point to in the story, which is kind to beginners. And the last step asks for a little writing and a lot of speaking, so a

quiet child can draw first and talk second.

The post tells children to pick a story "for your English level, with short and simple sentences", which matters: a story a child can almost read is worth more than one they cannot.

Using Peabody for step one

Step one sends children to our story idea generator, where they pick a character, a place and an idea and Peabody writes a short story to read. Peabody is free through the end of 2026 and has no ads. A few tips if you run it:

- Let pairs choose together, then read the story aloud as a pair before they work alone.
- If the first story is too hard, make another and pick a simpler reading level.
- Keep the "find three words you know" step. Children who spot words they already know read more bravely.
- Read the story yourself first on a school device so there are no surprises.

If you teach English as a second language, our library has more stories by reading level, and the same four steps work with any of them.

What to check

- It is a new blog. The posts we saw are all dated 11 November 2026, so the archive is small so far.
- It is hosted on Blogger. Open the page on your school network before a lesson to check it loads.
- The activities are written for fourth grade. Younger or older classes will need to adjust the language and the length of the writing.
- We have not seen the listening or video posts in full, only their titles.

If anything here is out of date or wrong, tell us and we'll fix it the same day. The listing and this review stay up either way.

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