



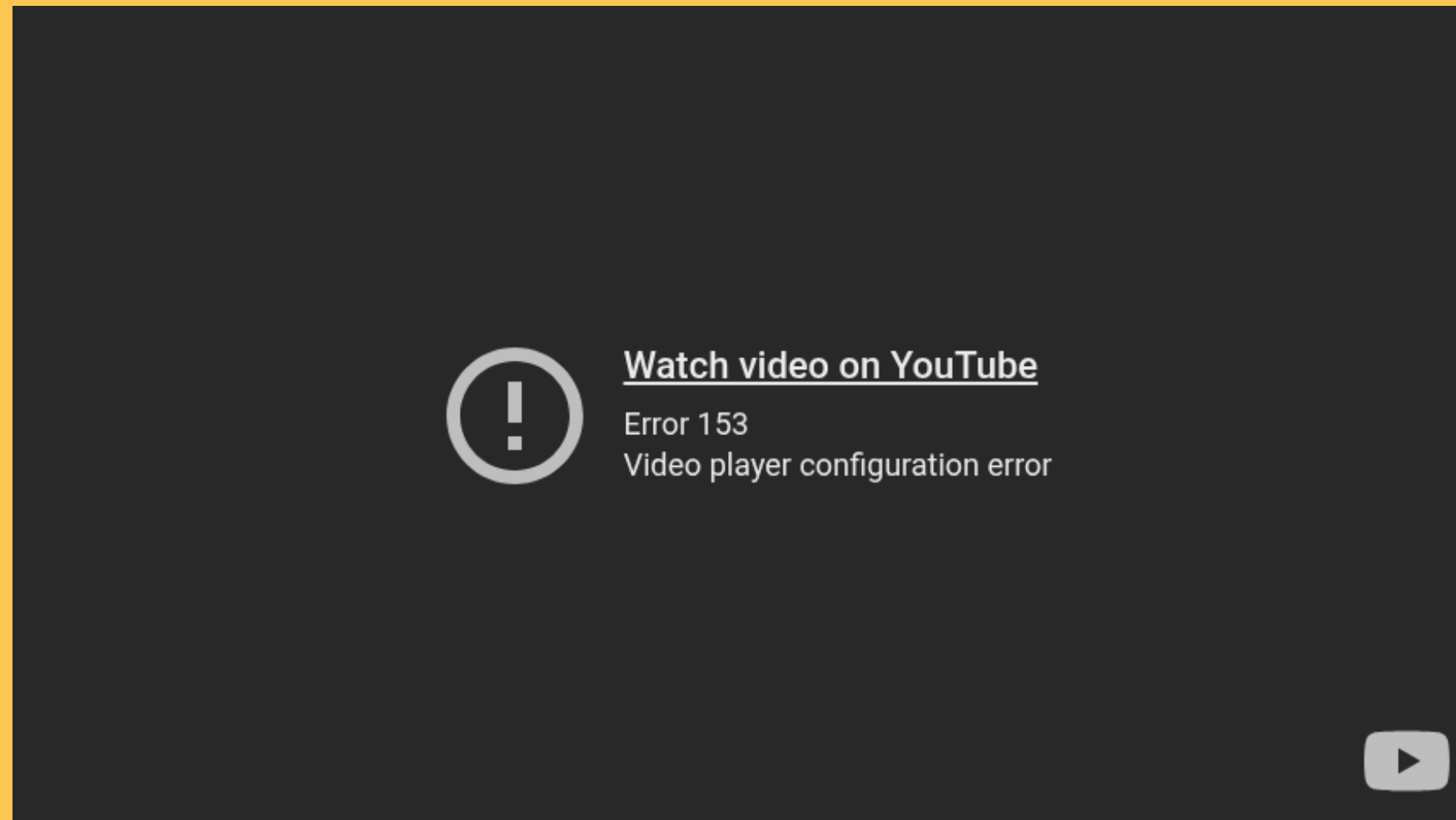
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# My Dream Adventure Writing Project

Plan, write, publish your story in Build My Story



# Mini-Lesson



While you watch...

- Name your dream world
- Where do you go?
- Think of one big moment

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# Adventure Sparks

Turn to the person sitting next to you and tell them

- Your dream world and your big adventure moment



You get 2 minutes



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# Session 1

Brainstorm and Plan your story



# Learning Objectives

- ☐ I can think of 3+ ideas and pick my best one.
- ☐ I can sort my ideas in the boxes to make a plan.
- ☐ I can listen to a partner and add one helpful suggestion.

# Choose a prompt

- Your teacher will hand out the Prompt Sheet
- Pick one idea or write your own
- Cut it out and glue on your Brainstorm sheet (or write your choice at the top)
- Keep it simple and clear


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<b><u>Mountain Path</u></b> You hike up a tall mountain and the air turns thin. What do you see at the top?	<b><u>Learning to Fly</u></b> You spread your arms and lift off the ground. What do you see from high above the clouds?	<b><u>Deep Cave Discovery</u></b> You find a cave behind a waterfall. What is hidden inside and how do you explore it safely?
<b><u>Ocean Journey</u></b> You sail across calm blue water until the horizon disappears. What new land or creature do you discover?	<b><u>The Secret Island</u></b> Your boat drifts to an island that's not on any map. What is the first thing you notice there?	<b><u>Desert Adventure</u></b> You walk across golden sand under a hot sun. What treasures or surprises lie beneath the dunes?
<b><u>The Tallest Tree</u></b> You climb the tallest tree in the forest. What do you see at the very top?	<b><u>Train to Nowhere</u></b> You board an old train with no name and no ticket. Where does it take you and who is on it?	<b><u>Frozen Expedition</u></b> You and a small team travel to icy lands. What challenge do you face and how do you solve it?
<b><u>Lost City Ruins</u></b> You stumble upon broken stone towers and ancient carvings. What story do these ruins tell you?	<b><u>Sky Dive Dream</u></b> You jump from a plane for the first time. What do you feel and what sights take your breath away?	<b><u>Jungle Trek</u></b> Thick vines twist around your path. What rare animal or plant do you find deep in the jungle?
<b><u>Mountain Rescue</u></b> A storm hits while you're hiking. Who needs your help and how do you guide them to safety?	<b><u>Hidden Valley</u></b> A narrow trail leads you to a valley no one has seen before. What makes it special?	<b><u>Journey by Balloon</u></b> You climb into a hot air balloon and lift off at sunrise. What places do you float over on your way?

# Make your idea bold and exciting

- Your adventure can last as long as you want
  - Explore many places
  - One problem to focus on
  - If your idea grows, let it!

Big adventures are welcome





# My Dream Adventure

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

?

Pick a prompt from the list or make up your own idea. Use this space to plan your story. Write words, draw bubbles, or list details that will help you tell what happens.

Ocean Journey

You sail across calm blue water until the horizon disappears. What new land or creature do you discover?


Who was there?


Where did it happen?


What happened first?


How did I feel?

What did I learn?


☒ **Brainstorm**

☐ **Plan**

☐ **Write**

☐ **Build My Story**

# Brainstorm your ideas

 You get 10 minutes

- Use the Brainstorm sheet
- Words or quick sketches
- Use your senses
- Fill the page

Use the word bank to help

**Word Bank**

- adventure

- journey

- explore

- travel

- discover

- climb

- fly

- sail

- hike

- mountain

- valley

- forest

- jungle

- desert

- island

- cave

- ocean

- sky

- map

- compass

- trail

- path

- river

- bridge

- village

- storm

- sunrise

- sunset

- brave

- curious

- clever

- daring

- fearless

- calm

- careful

- determined

- challenge

- goal

- treasure

- secret

- mystery

- wonder

- imagine

- dream

- world

- creature

- friend

- companion

- help

- guide

- build

- create

- explore

- climb

- swim

- run

- jump

- travel

- whisper

- glow

- sparkle

- roar

- laugh

- shout

- feel

- see

- hear

- smell

- touch

- courage

- strength

- teamwork

- excitement

- discovery

- problem

- solution

- map

- tool

- first

- next

- then

- after that

- later

- meanwhile

- finally

- at last

- and

- also

- in addition

- another

- as well as

- moreover

- furthermore

- but

- however

- although

- even though

- instead

- on the other hand

- yet

- while

- because

- so

- therefore

- as a result

- since

- due to

- for example

- for instance

- such as

- in particular

- before

- during

- after

- today

- yesterday

- tomorrow

- here

- there

- especially

- importantly

- above all

- in the end

- overall

- in conclusion

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 **BUILD MY STORY**

# Turn to the person next to you and ask...



- Who is in your story?
- Where does it happen?
- When does it happen?



You get 2 minutes



# Story Mountain overview



You get 15 minutes

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What goes wrong?  
Climax (Problem)

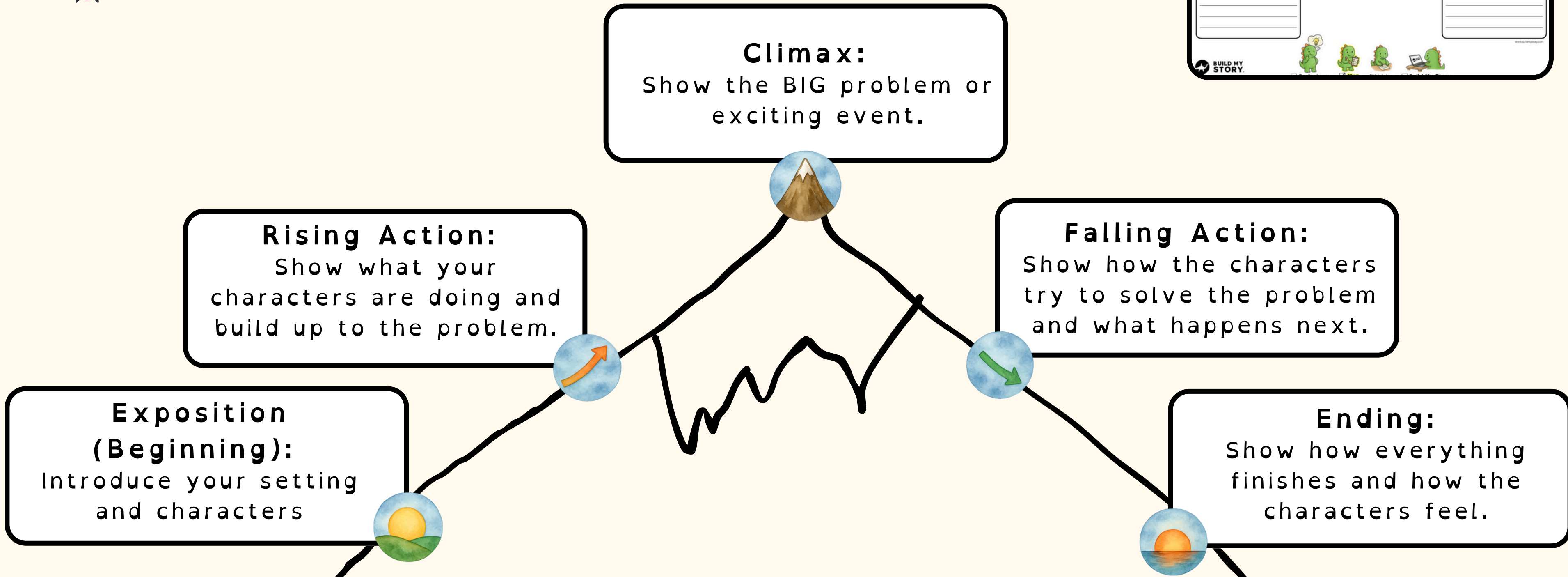
What was the problem solved?  
Falling Action (Resolution)

Rising Action (Build-up)

Exposition (Beginning)

Ending

BUILD MY STORY



# Turn to the person next to you and ask...

- What is the BIG moment?
- How do things finish and how do they feel at the end?



You get 2 minutes




# Build your main character



You get 10 minutes

- Name and age
- Are they Human, Animal or Fictional
- What colors are they wearing, do they wear glasses
- Looks and clothing
- One memorable detail

**BUILD MY STORY.**

## Character Profile

Name: \_\_\_\_\_


Date: \_\_\_\_\_

? This page helps you create your main character for your story. You'll fill in details about who they are, what they look like, and even draw them. Later, you'll use this profile to guide your writing and bring your character to life in Build My Story.

My Character Is: ☐ A Human ☐ An Animal ☐ Fictional





Character Name  
\_\_\_\_\_

How Old Is Your Character?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Years Old

Draw Your Character 

What do they look like?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are they wearing?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_


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# Wrap Up & Next Time

Before you go – check

- Do you have a main character?
- Is there a beginning, middle and end?
- Is your name on every sheet?



Please hand in  
your amazing  
work so far!

Next time – your writing choices

- Summary → Help me write (bring 4–6 sentences)
- Full draft → Type it myself (aim for  $\leq 200$  words)

# Learning Objectives

- ☒ I can think of 3+ ideas and pick my best one.
- ☒ I can sort my ideas in the boxes to make a plan.
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# Session 2

Write Your Story

# Learning Objectives

- ☐ I can turn my plan into a draft.
- ☐ I can use words like first / next / because to connect ideas.
- ☐ I can add a detail so my writing is clearer.

# The 5-part story frame

1

## **Exposition (Beginning):**

Introduce your setting and characters

2

## **Rising Action:**

Show what your character is doing and build up to the problem.

3

## **Climax:**

Show the BIG problem or exciting event.

4

## **Falling Action:**

Show how the character tries to solve the problem and what happens next.

5

## **Ending:**

Show how everything finishes and how the character feels.

# Choose your path

Either path is great — pick the one that helps you do your best

## PATH A

**BUILD MY STORY** Option 1: Story Summary

? You are the storyteller!  
Use your Story Mountain to write a short version of your story. Just a few lines is all you need.  
Build My Story will help you turn it into a full book!

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**Beginning** **Rising Action** **Climax** **Resolution** **Reflection**

I was...

Then...

Suddenly...

Because of that, I...

In the end,...

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Story Summary  
(4–6 sentences)

OR

## PATH B

**BUILD MY STORY** Page 1

**Page 2**

**Page 3**

Author Name \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Brainstorm ☐ Plan ☒ Write ☐ Build My Story **BUILD MY STORY**

Full Draft  
(About 500 words)

Only as much as you can do

# Path A: Story Summary — 4–6 sentences



1) Who + where (Exposition)



2) Want + problem (Rising Action)



3) BIG moment (Climax)



4) What they try / what happens next (Falling Action)








5) How it ends + feeling (Ending)



# Example Story Summary 1






## Ocean Journey

You sail across calm blue water until the horizon disappears. What new land or creature do you discover?

-  1) One sunny morning, I sailed across the blue ocean with my friend Kai.
-  2) We wanted to find the island marked with an X, but the wind stopped.
-  3) A giant sea turtle appeared and pushed our boat forward.
-  4) We followed it to a hidden island covered in glowing shells.
-  5) We cheered and named it Turtle Island, proud of our brave journey.

Thick vines twist  
around your path.  
What rare animal or  
plant do you find  
deep in the jungle?

# Example Story Summary 2

-  1) Deep in the jungle, I walked carefully along a path covered in vines and bright flowers.
-  2) I wanted to find the golden orchid, but my map was starting to fall apart in the rain.
-  3) The big moment came when a monkey dropped a shiny petal right into my hand.
-  4) I followed it through twisting trees until I saw the orchid shining on a tall rock.
-  5) I took a photo and smiled, knowing I had found something truly special.

# Path B: Full Draft - About 500 words

- Around 500 words total - do as much or as little as you can!
- Short sentences
- Use this order:

Beginning → Build-up → BIG moment → Fixing it → Ending + feeling



# Draft guide

- Beginning — 2–3 lines
- Build-up — 3–5 lines
- BIG moment — 2–3 lines
- Fixing it — 3–4 lines
- Ending + feeling — 2–3 lines

Write on the worksheet page by page. Think about the Story Mountain and follow the icons.

Page 1

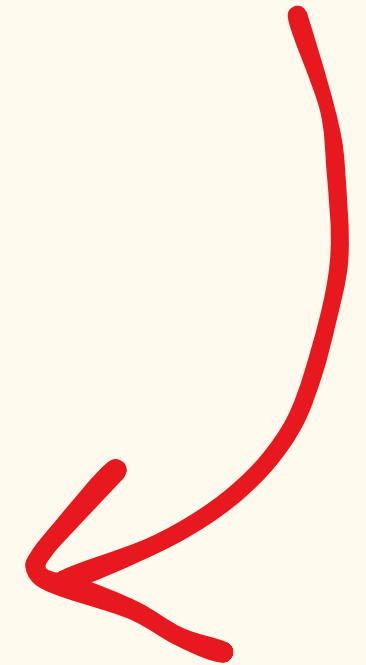
Page 2

Page 3

Author Name

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BUILD MY STORY



# Show, don't tell

Tell → The cave was scary.

Show → My flashlight flickered on wet stone.

Tell → The volcano was hot.

Show → Lava hissed under my boots.

Swap one “tell” for a “show.”



# Write Time!



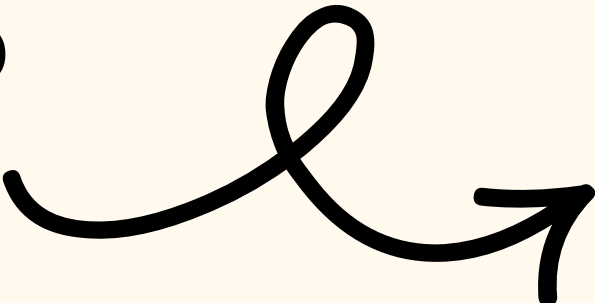
You get 20 minutes

Summary path: finish 5 sentences.

Draft path: aim for 300-500 words.

Tip: Use 2–3 linking words.

Use the word bank to help



## Word Bank

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| - adventure  | - secret     |
| - journey    | - mystery    |
| - explore    | - wonder     |
| - travel     | - imagine    |
| - discover   | - dream      |
| - climb      | - world      |
| - fly        | - creature   |
| - sail       | - friend     |
| - hike       | - companion  |
| - mountain   | - help       |
| - valley     | - guide      |
| - forest     | - build      |
| - jungle     | - create     |
| - desert     | - explore    |
| - island     | - climb      |
| - cave       | - swim       |
| - ocean      | - run        |
| - sky        | - jump       |
| - map        | - travel     |
| - compass    | - whisper    |
| - trail      | - glow       |
| - path       | - sparkle    |
| - river      | - roar       |
| - bridge     | - laugh      |
| - village    | - shout      |
| - storm      | - feel       |
| - sunrise    | - see        |
| - sunset     | - hear       |
| - brave      | - smell      |
| - curious    | - touch      |
| - clever     | - courage    |
| - daring     | - strength   |
| - fearless   | - teamwork   |
| - calm       | - excitement |
| - careful    | - discovery  |
| - determined | - problem    |
| - challenge  | - solution   |
| - goal       | - map        |
| - treasure   | - tool       |

## Linking Words & Phrases

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| - first             | - because       |
| - next              | - so            |
| - then              | - therefore     |
| - after that        | - as a result   |
| - later             | - since         |
| - meanwhile         | - due to        |
| - finally           | - for example   |
| - at last           | - for instance  |
| - and               | - such as       |
| - also              | - in particular |
| - in addition       | - before        |
| - another           | - during        |
| - as well as        | - after         |
| - moreover          | - today         |
| - furthermore       | - yesterday     |
| - but               | - tomorrow      |
| - however           | - here          |
| - although          | - there         |
| - even though       | - especially    |
| - instead           | - importantly   |
| - on the other hand | - above all     |
| - yet               | - in the end    |
| - while             | - overall       |
|                     | - in conclusion |

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# Swap your worksheet with the person next to you

**3 quick checks (circle or say Yes/No)**

- 1) Does it follow the 5 parts? Beginning → Build-up → BIG moment → Fixing it → Ending
- 2) Are there 2–3 linking words? (first, next, then, after that, because, so, finally...)
- 3) Is there one “show, don’t tell” sentence?

Fix one thing, then put your name on your work.



You get 2 minutes

# Learning Objectives

- ☒ I can turn my plan into a draft.
- ☒ I can use words like first / next / because to connect ideas.
- ☒ I can add a detail so my writing is clearer.

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# Session 3

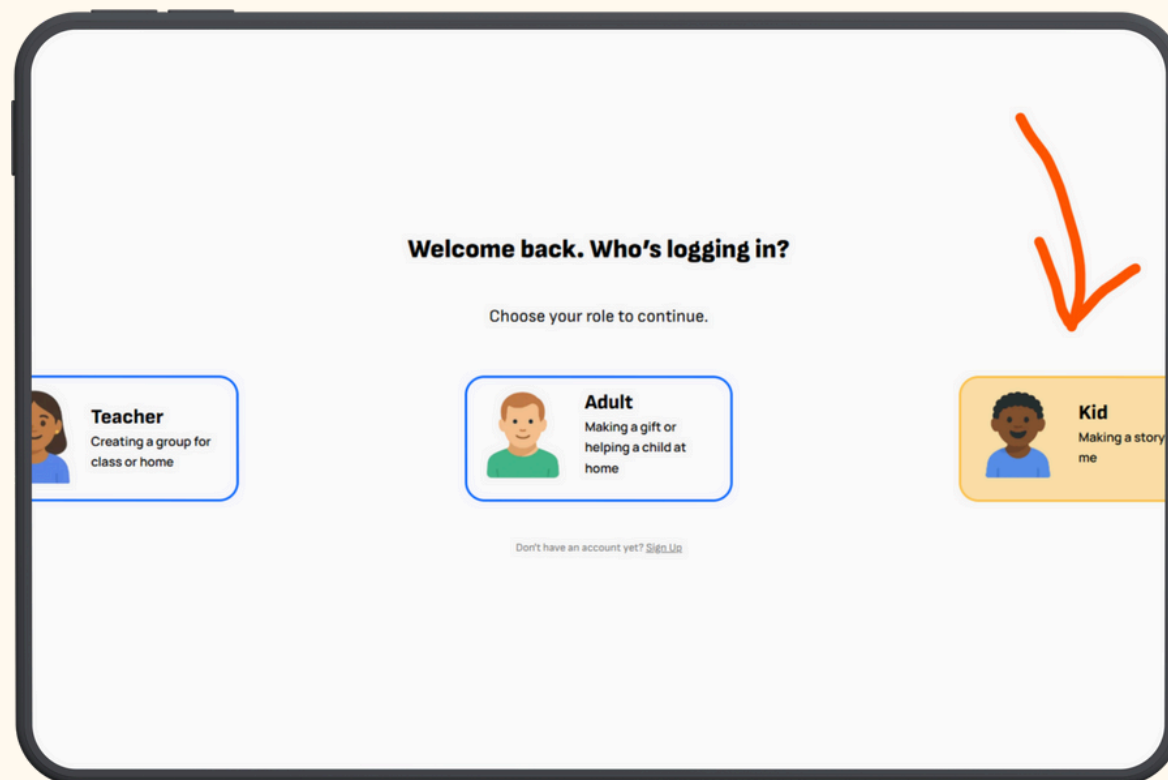
Build Your Story

# Learning Objectives

- ☐ I can revise my draft story to make it clearer
- ☐ I can fix capitals, punctuation, and spelling.
- ☐ I can type my story and give it a great title.
- ☐ I can publish a book!
- ☐ I can make an AI picture

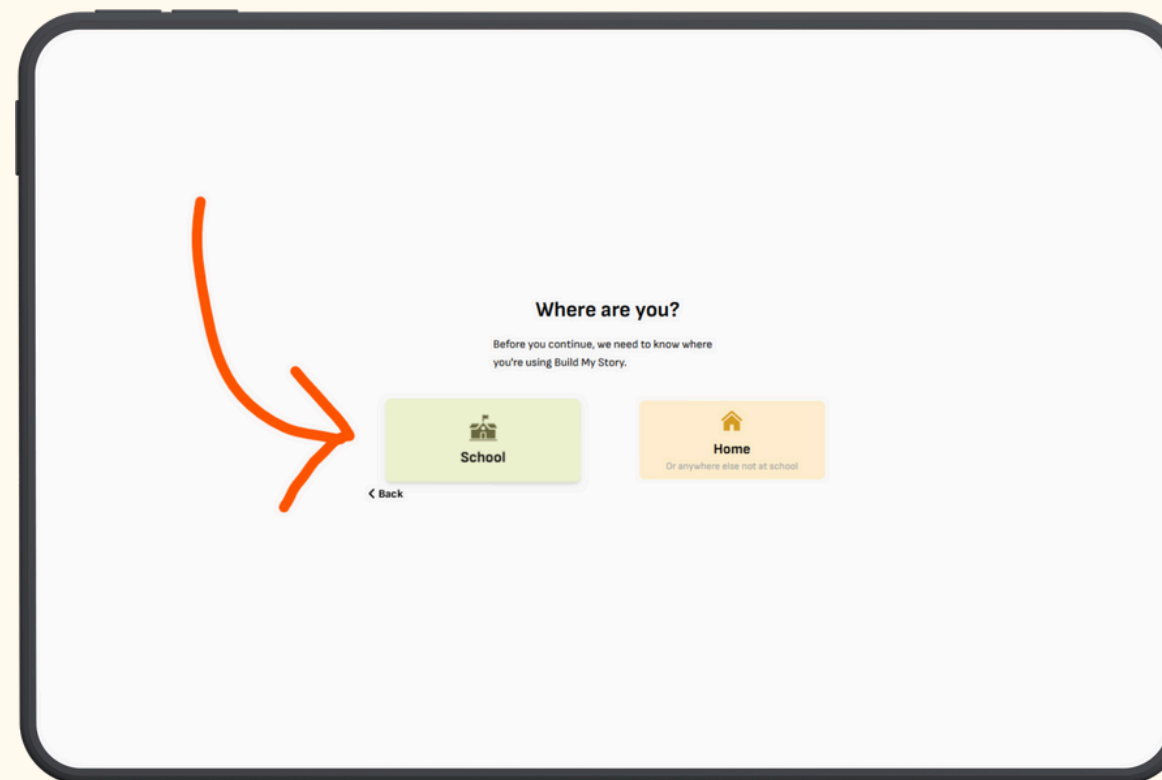
# Sign in

## 1



Open Build My Story

## 2



Tap Kid to sign in

## 3



Log in using username

Your teacher will help with usernames or Clever or Google Classroom

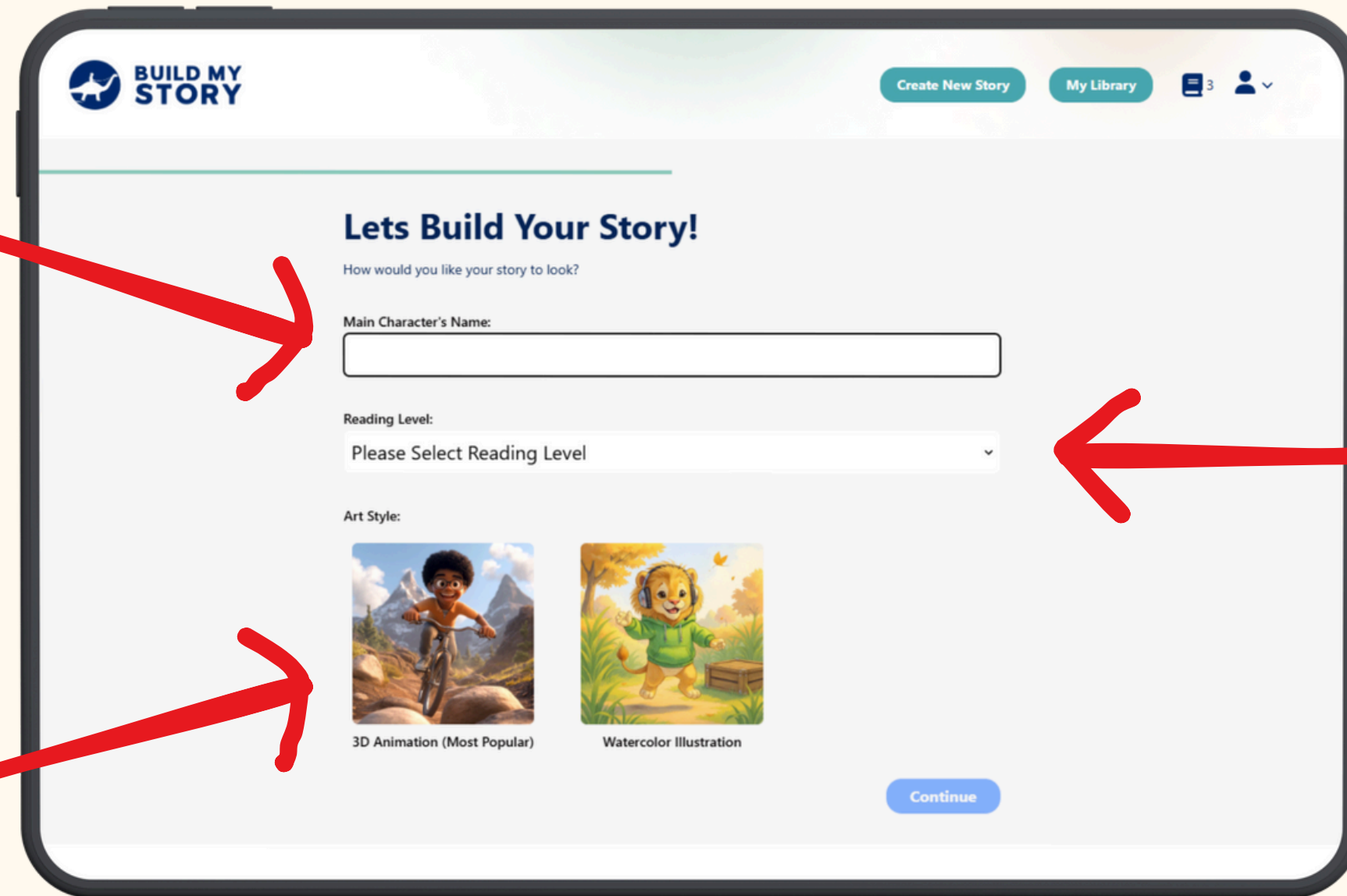
# Set up your book

1

Type your main  
character's name

3

Pick your picture  
style



The screenshot shows the 'BUILD MY STORY' website's setup page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the logo, 'Create New Story', 'My Library', and a user icon. The main heading is 'Lets Build Your Story!' followed by the question 'How would you like your story to look?'. Below this are three sections: 'Main Character's Name' with a text input field, 'Reading Level' with a dropdown menu showing 'Please Select Reading Level', and 'Art Style' with two image options: '3D Animation (Most Popular)' and 'Watercolor Illustration'. A blue 'Continue' button is at the bottom right. Three red arrows point from the numbered instructions to these fields: from instruction 1 to the name input, from instruction 3 to the 3D animation image, and from instruction 2 to the reading level dropdown.

2

Choose your  
reading level  
(ask if unsure)

4

Click Continue



# Choose how to write

## Path A

**BUILD MY STORY** Create New Story My Library 12

### Lets Build Your Story!

Tell us a little about your character and what the story's about

**Help Me Write My Story**  
Start with your idea and we'll bring it to life as a real storybook.

**I Want to Write It Myself**  
Already know what happens? Start writing your version.

Story Setting & Goal:  
ex: An abandoned research station hidden in the Arctic, where a kid discovers old technology and must uncover what happened to the missing scientists.

Story Type: Please Select Story Type Writing Style: Please Select Writing Style Write Story Inc: English (US)

< Back Continue

Help me write — paste your summary

## Path B

**BUILD MY STORY** Create New Story My Library 12

### Lets Build Your Story!

Tell us a little about your character and what the story's about

**Help Me Write My Story**  
Start with your idea and we'll bring it to life as a real storybook.

**I Want to Write It Myself**  
Already know what happens? Start writing your version.

Page by page story breakdown

Page 1  
One sunny morning.... 0/10 Words

Page 2 0/10 Words

Page 3 0/10 Words

Page 4 0/10 Words

Page 5 0/10 Words

Type it myself — type your story

# Help me write — paste your summary

1

Paste your 4–6  
sentence  
summary

2

Choose Story  
Type

3

Choose Writing Style

4

Choose  
Language

5

Click Continue

**BUILD MY STORY** Create New Story My Library 12

### Let's Build Your Story!

Tell us a little about your character and what the story's about

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# Type it myself

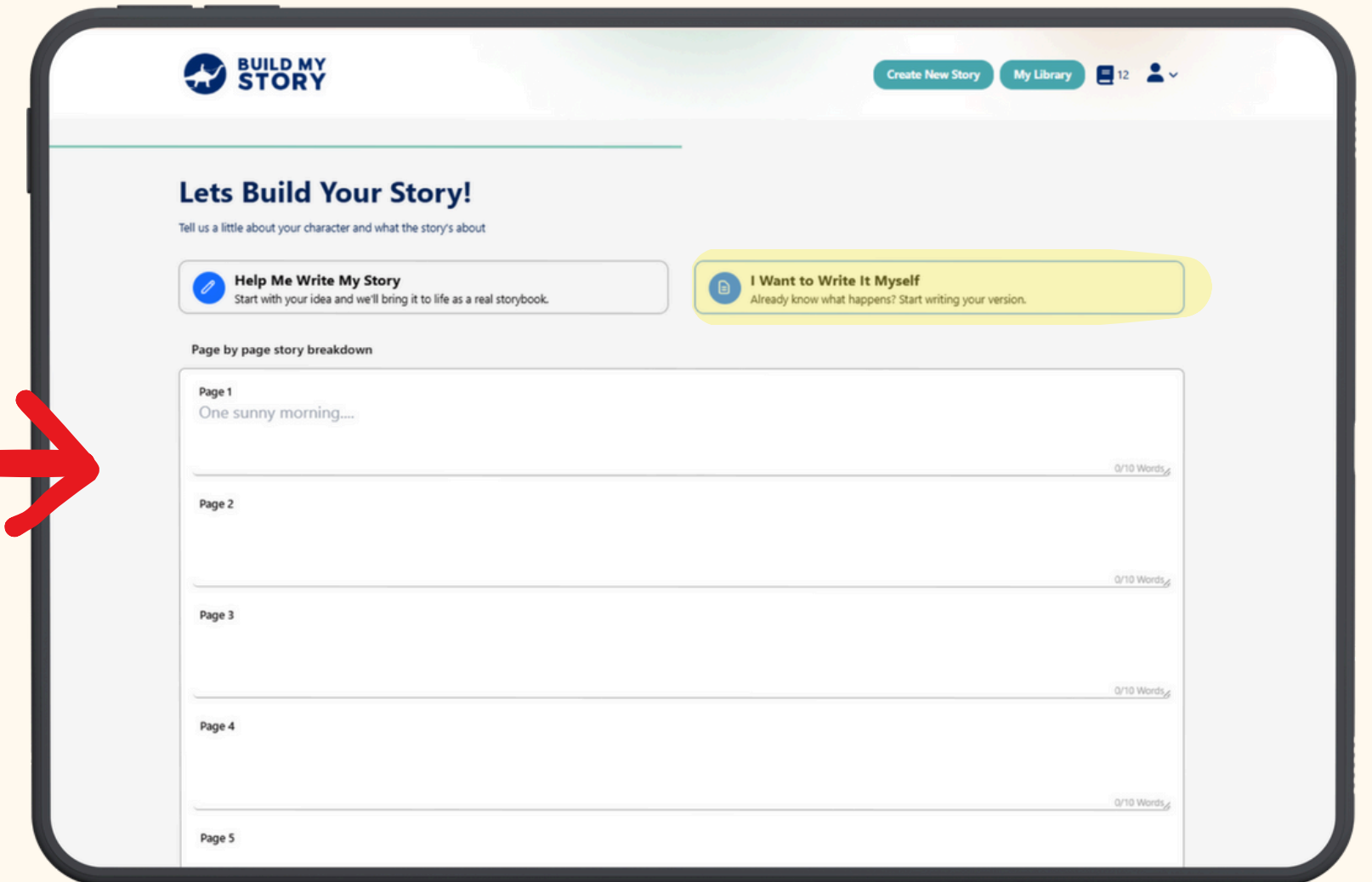
Type into the 11 pages

**1**

**Remember:**

Beginning → Build-up → BIG  
moment → Fixing it → Ending

Use 2–3 linking words

A screenshot of the 'BUILD MY STORY' app interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the app logo, 'Create New Story', 'My Library', and a user icon. Below this, a heading 'Lets Build Your Story!' is followed by a subtext 'Tell us a little about your character and what the story's about'. Two main options are presented: 'Help Me Write My Story' (with a blue pencil icon) and 'I Want to Write It Myself' (with a yellow notepad icon and highlighted in a yellow box). Below these, a section titled 'Page by page story breakdown' shows a list of pages. 'Page 1' is expanded, showing the text 'One sunny morning....' and a '0/10 Words' indicator. Pages 2 through 5 are listed below it, each with a '0/10 Words' indicator. A large red arrow points from the 'Remember' section of the first slide to the 'I Want to Write It Myself' option in the app interface.

**2**

Click Continue

# Build your character



Upload a drawing

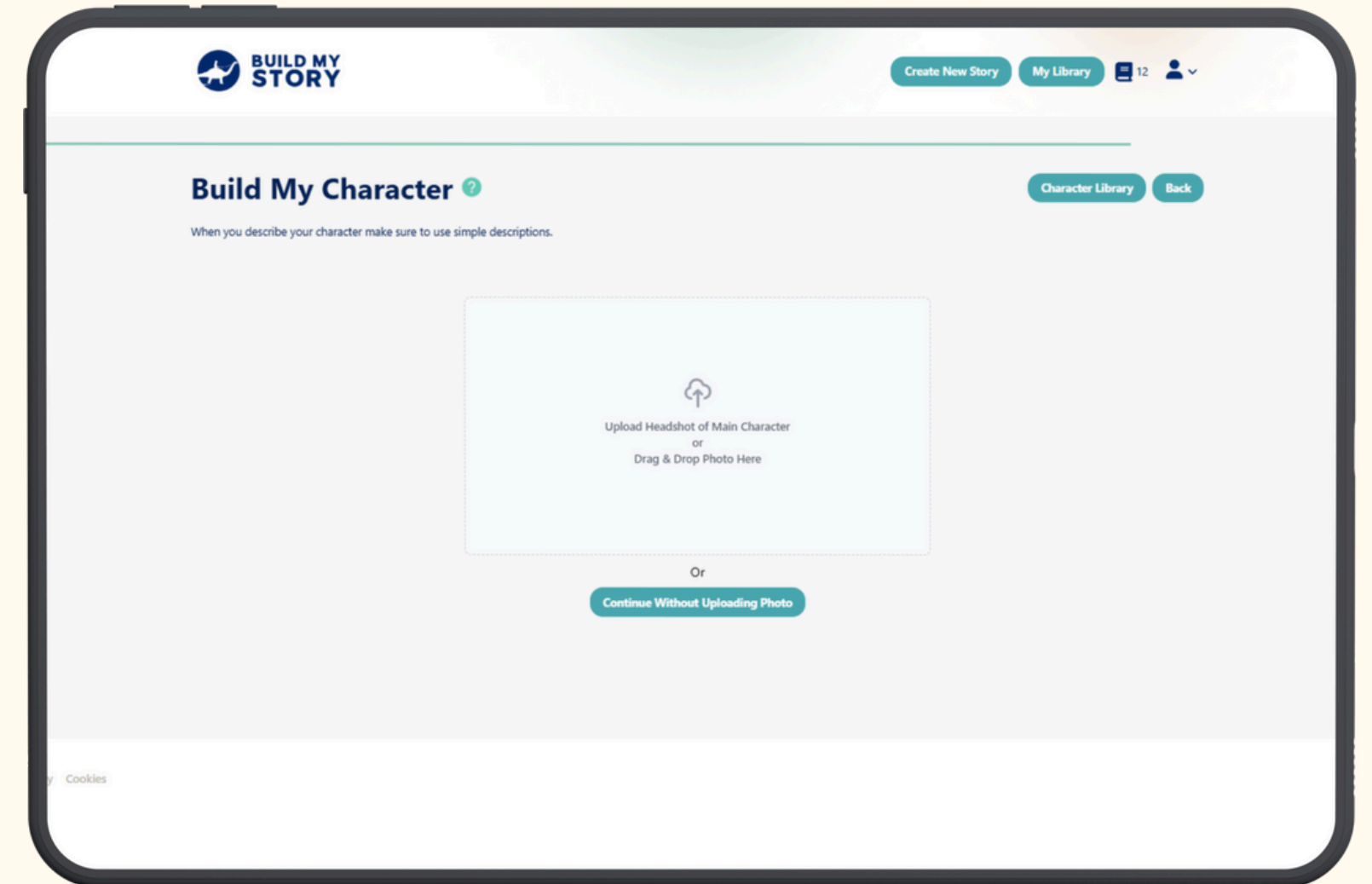
OR



A picture of a character

OR

Click 'Continue without uploading character'



# Build your character

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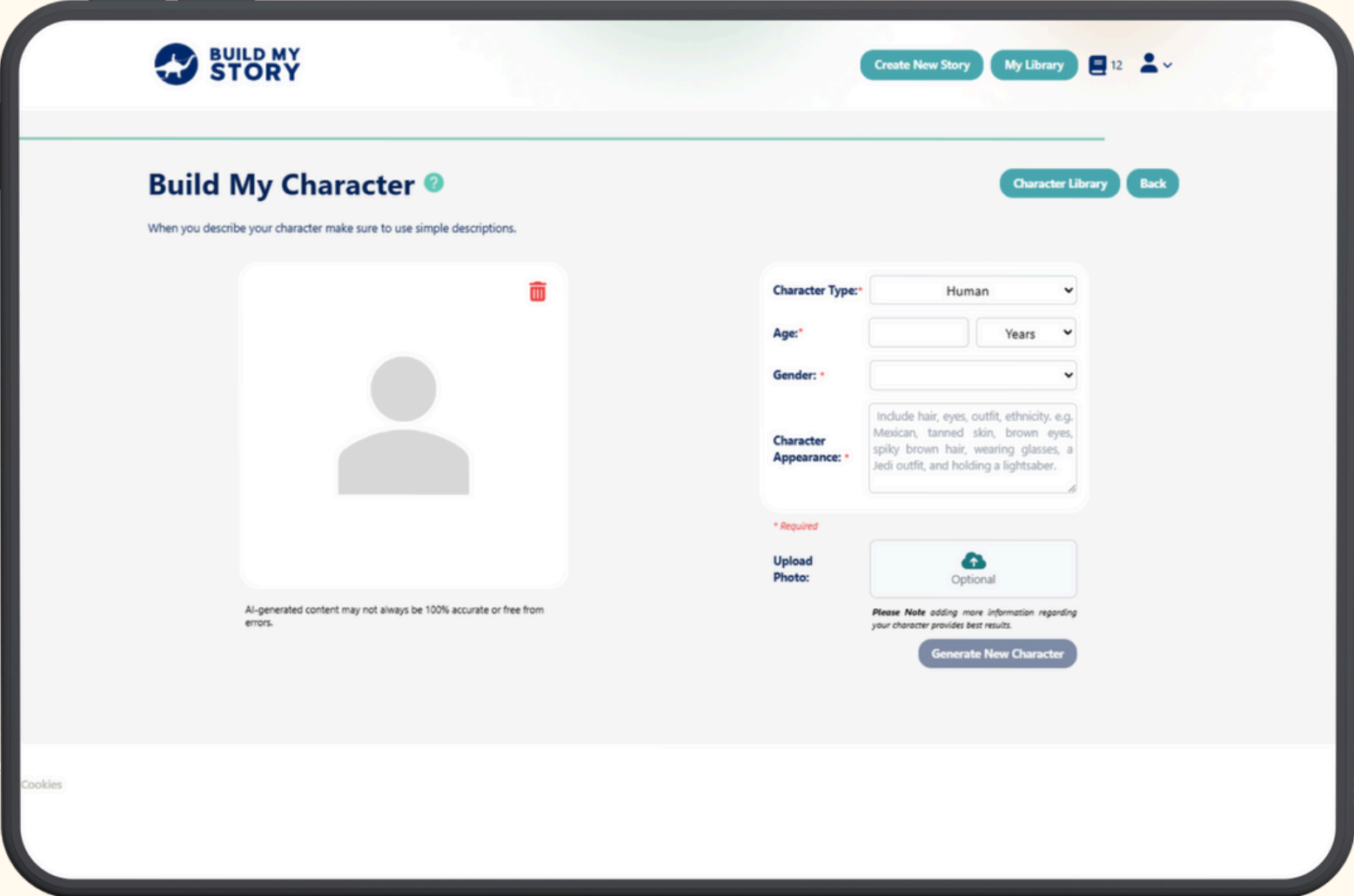
Choose Character Type:  
Human, Animal or Fictional

2

Age or character type if  
its an animal or fictional

3

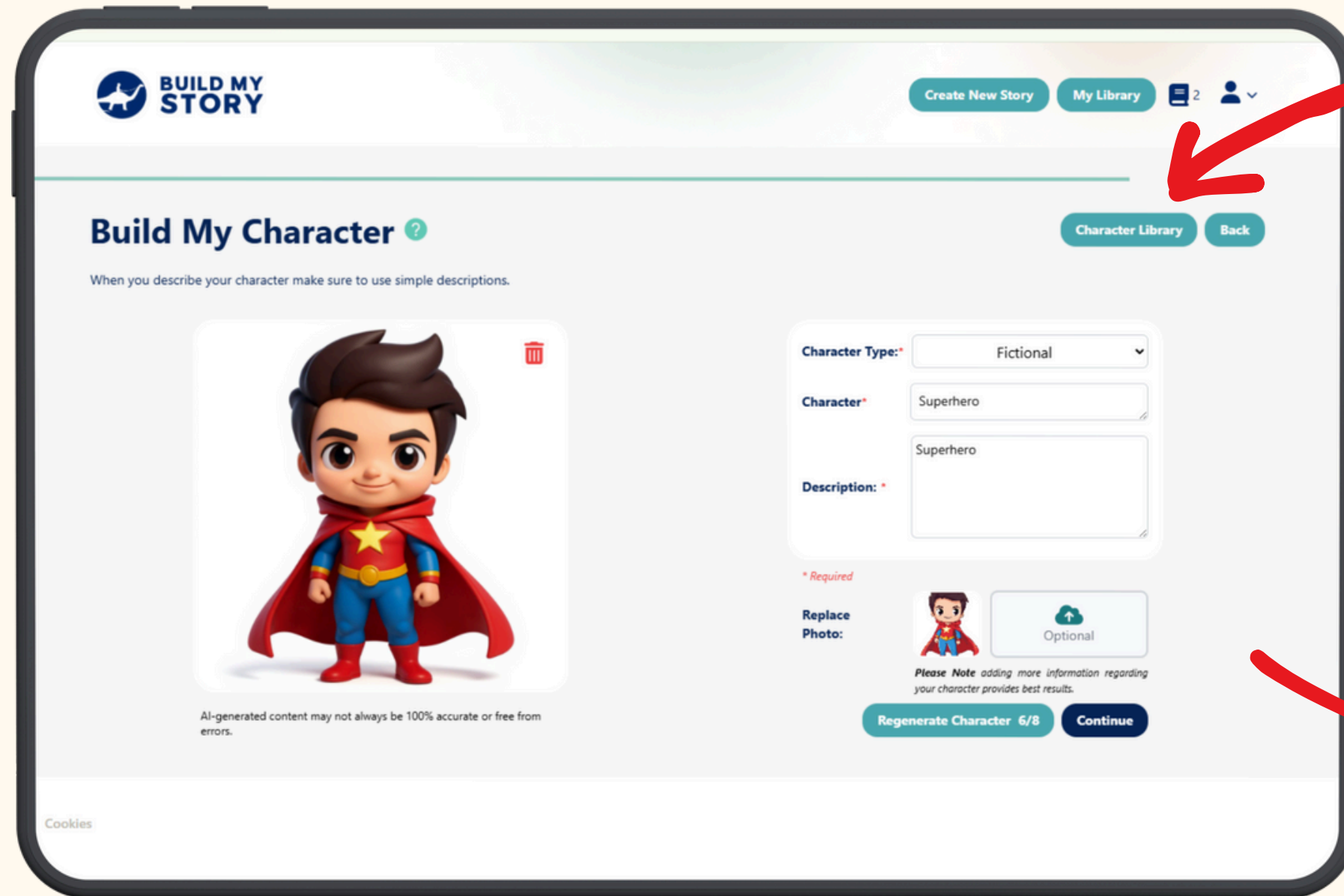
Type character appearance.  
What does the character look like?

The screenshot shows the 'Build My Character' interface on a mobile device. At the top, there's a header with the 'BUILD MY STORY' logo and navigation links like 'Create New Story', 'My Library', and a user profile icon. The main heading is 'Build My Character' with a help icon. Below it, a note says 'When you describe your character make sure to use simple descriptions.' The interface is divided into two main sections. On the left, there's a large placeholder for a character image with a red trash icon in the top right corner. Below this placeholder, a small disclaimer reads: 'AI-generated content may not always be 100% accurate or free from errors.' On the right, there's a form with several fields: 'Character Type' (a dropdown menu currently set to 'Human'), 'Age' (a text input field followed by a 'Years' dropdown), and 'Gender' (a dropdown menu). Below these is a text area for 'Character Appearance' with a red asterisk indicating it's required. A small example text is provided: 'Include hair, eyes, outfit, ethnicity, e.g. Mexican, tanned skin, brown eyes, spiky brown hair, wearing glasses, a jedi outfit, and holding a lightsaber.' At the bottom of the form, there's an 'Upload Photo' section with a red asterisk and an 'Optional' button. A 'Generate New Character' button is located at the bottom right of the form area.

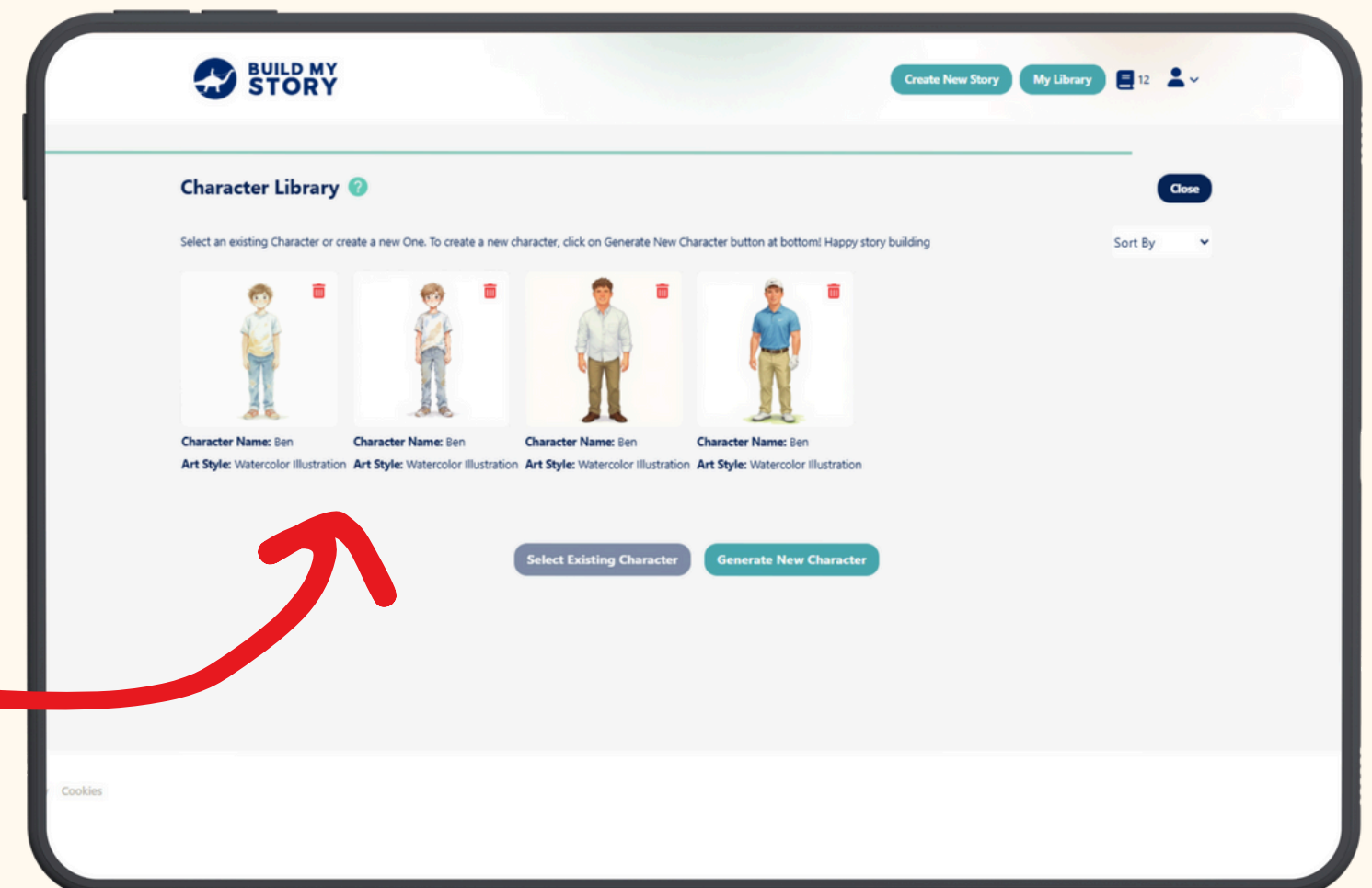
4 Click 'Generate New Character'



# Build your character



Click to view all of the characters you have made

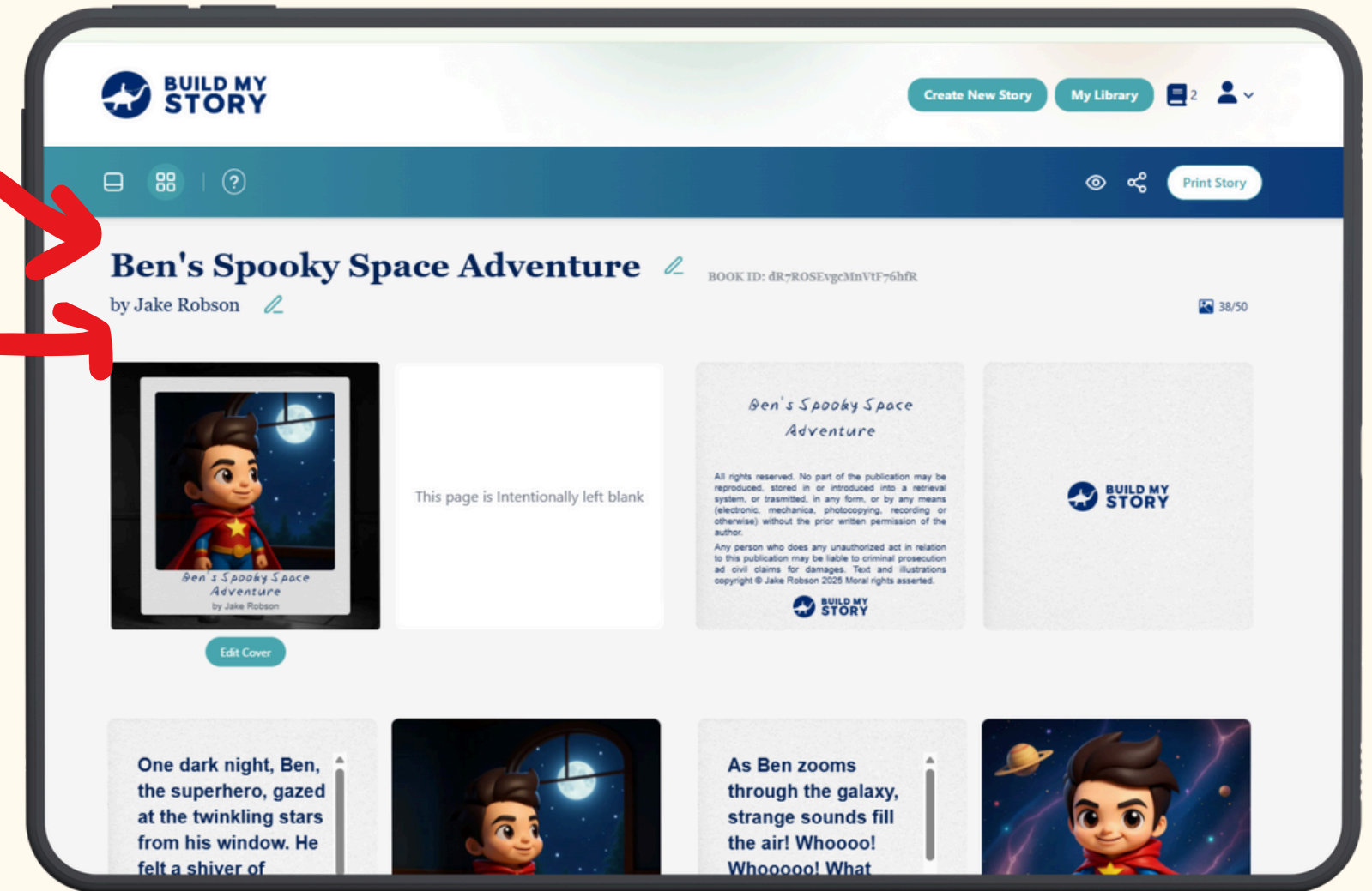


# Edit Your Book Until You Are Happy!

Edit Your Title

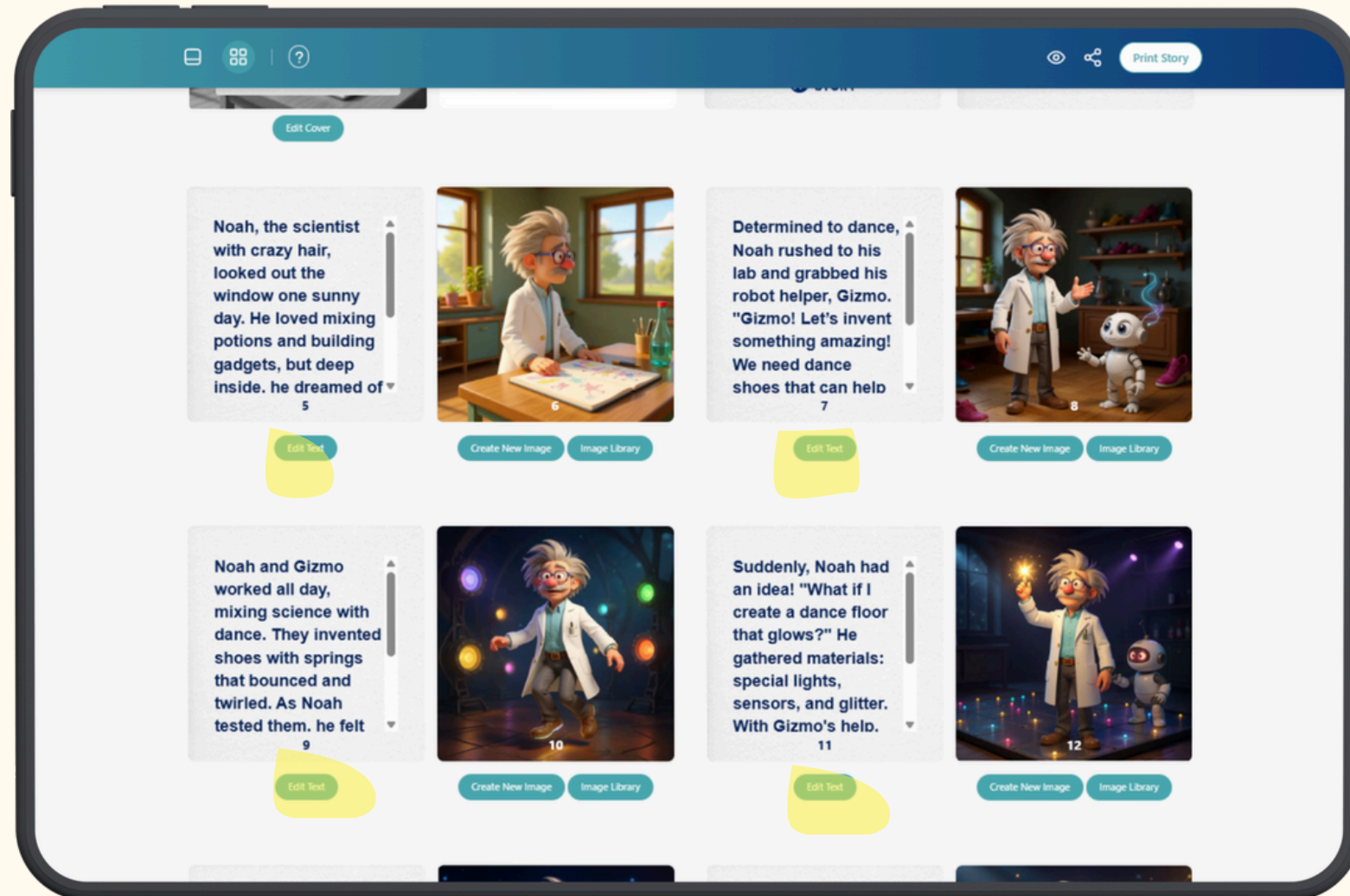
Edit Author Name

Scroll and Read your  
amazing story!

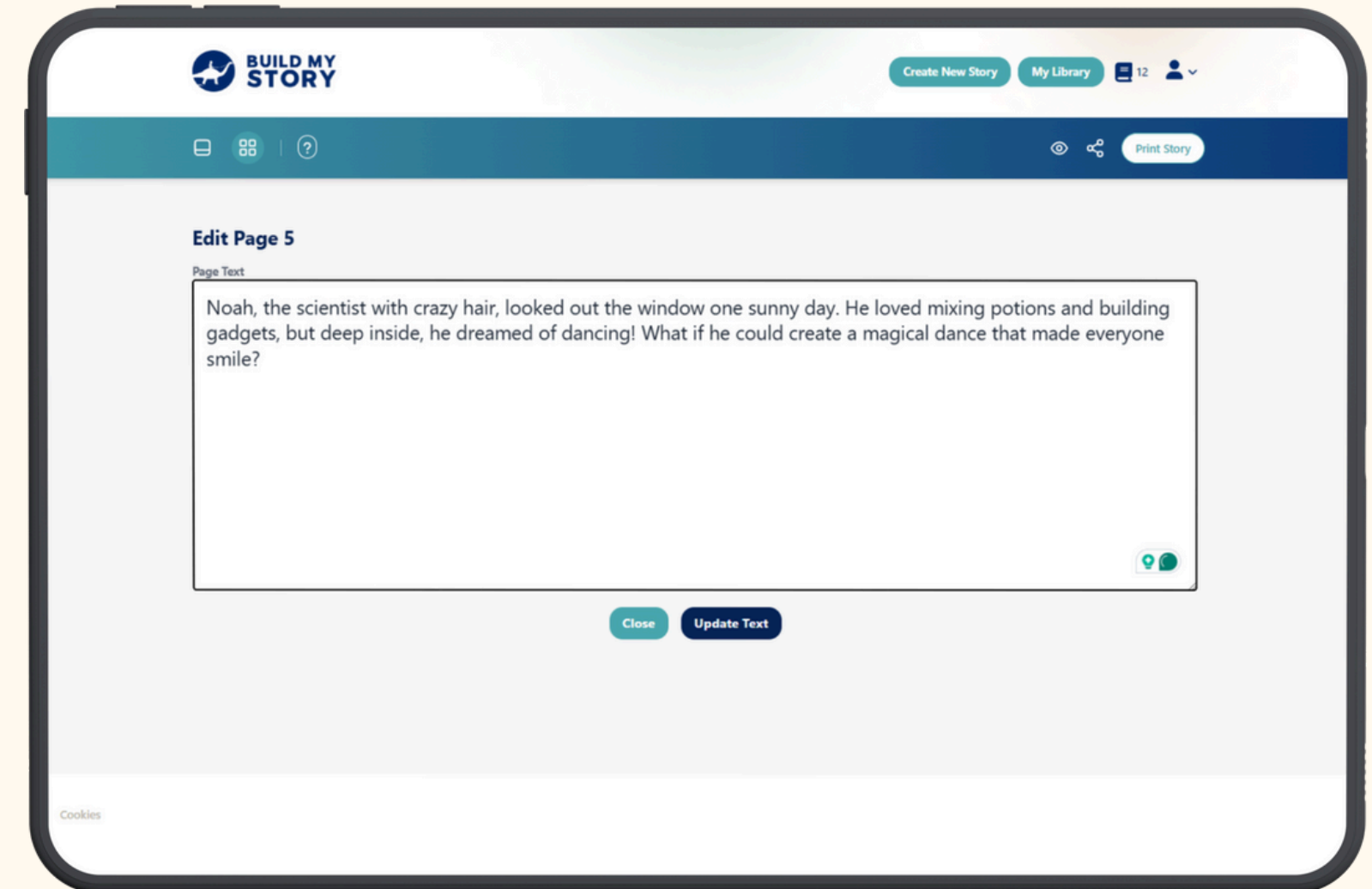




# How to edit text

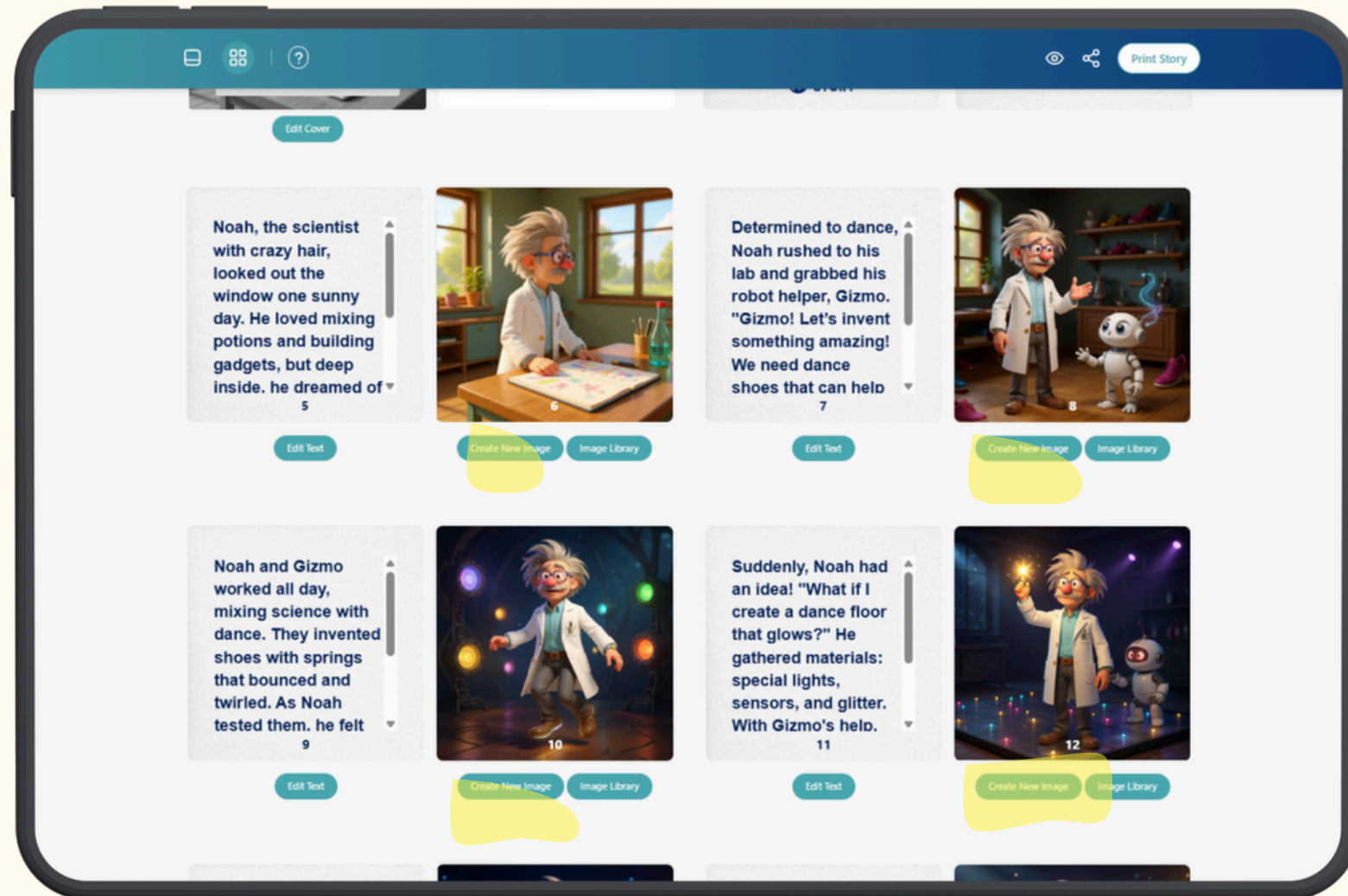


Click 'Edit Text'

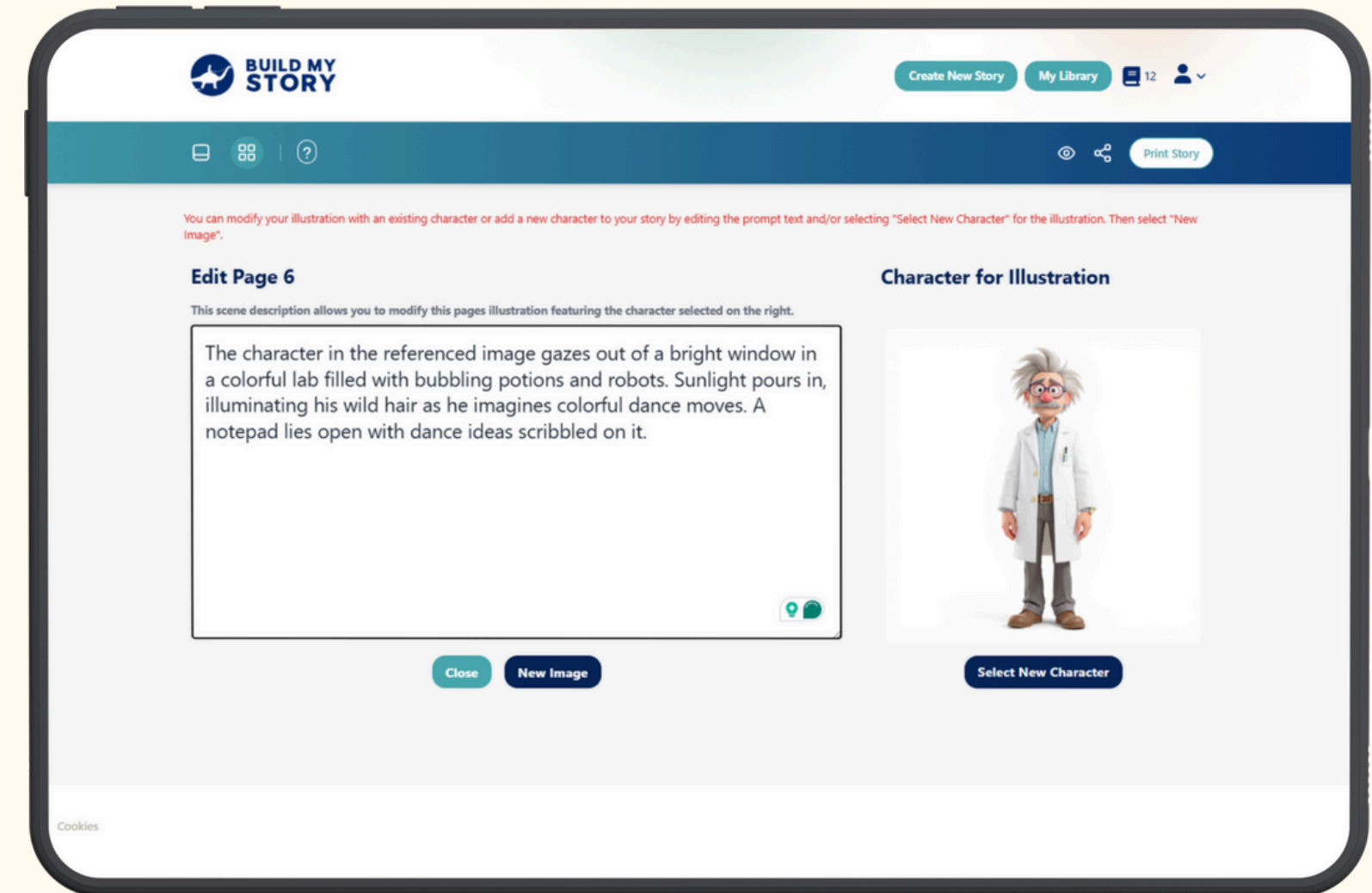


Type, Edit and 'Update Text'

# How to edit Images



Click 'Edit Image'



Type in your Image Prompt

What is an image prompt? →

# What is a good image prompt?

## What's a prompt?

It's the sentence that tells the app what to draw on this page.

Your main character stays the same—you change the **action, place, and details**.

## The 4 Magic Parts (A-P-O-M)

- Action – what is the character doing?
- Place – where is it happening?
- Objects – 1–2 things to include (props).
- Mood/Time – how it feels (cozy, windy) or when (evening, rainy).

# Quick Example Image Prompts

## Good Prompt

“The explorer climbs a rocky mountain at sunrise; snow swirls, and an eagle circles high above.”

## Not Good Prompt

“The character on a mountain.”

**Why is this not a good prompt? Put your hand up**

Remember The 4 Magic Parts (A-P-O-M)

**Action + Place + Objects + Mood/Time**

# Why is this a bad prompt?

## Not Good Prompt

“The character on a mountain.”



Action – No Action



Place – “Mountain”



Objects – No Objects



Mood/Time – No Mood/Time

The bad prompt has not passed  
the 4 magic parts!





# Why is this a good prompt?

## Good Prompt

“The explorer climbs a rocky mountain at sunrise; snow swirls, and an eagle circles high above.”



Action – “Climbs a...”



Place – “Rocky mountain”



Objects – “Snow,” “Eagle”



Mood/Time – “Sunrise”

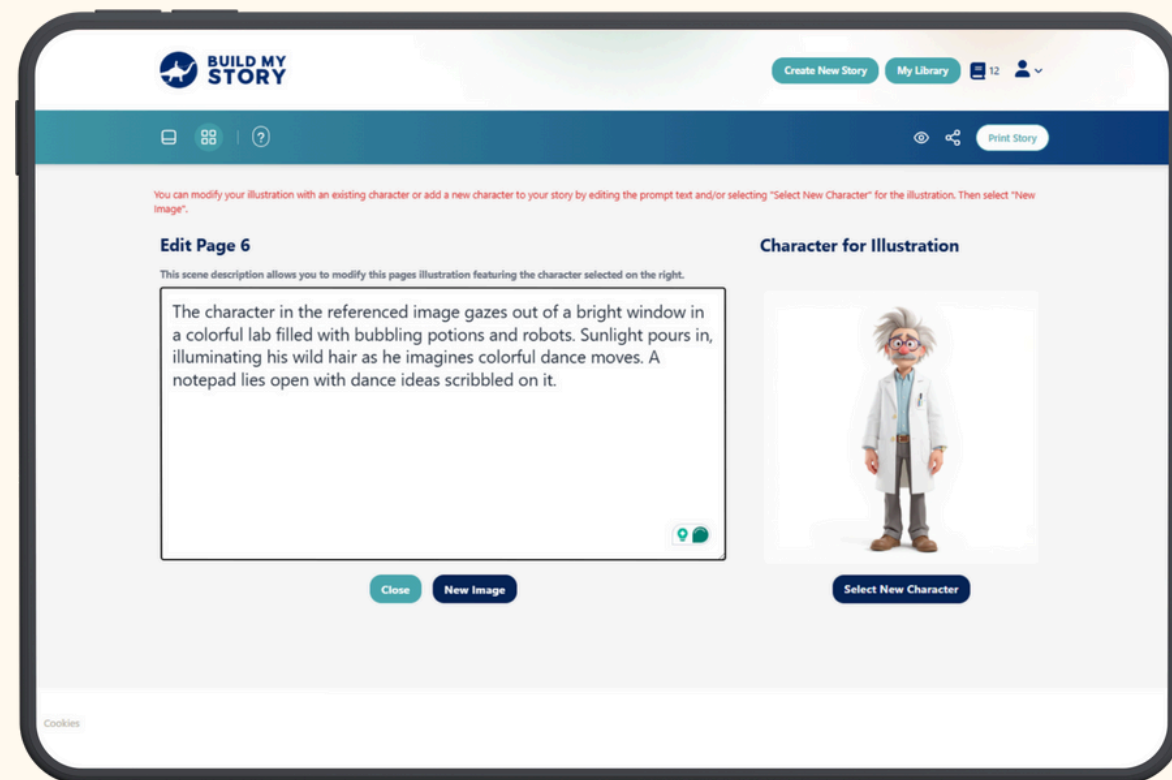
The good prompt has passed  
the 4 magic parts!



And that’s how to use AI!

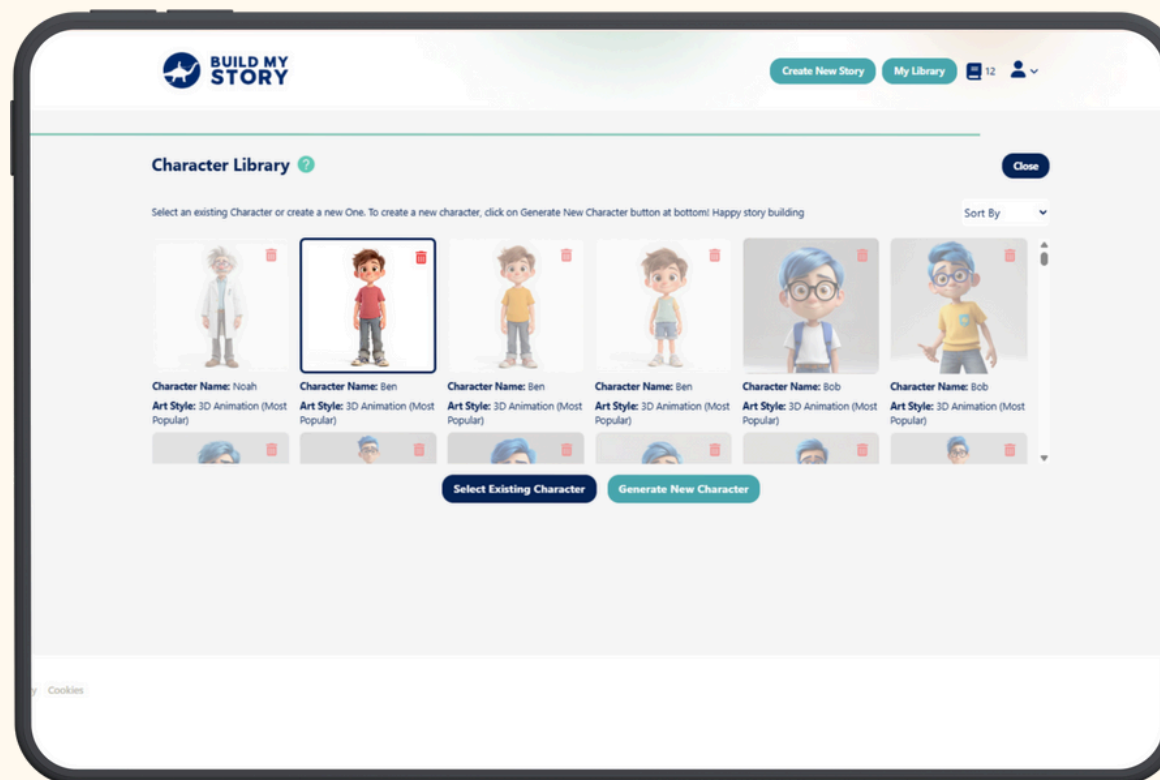
# You can even add more characters!

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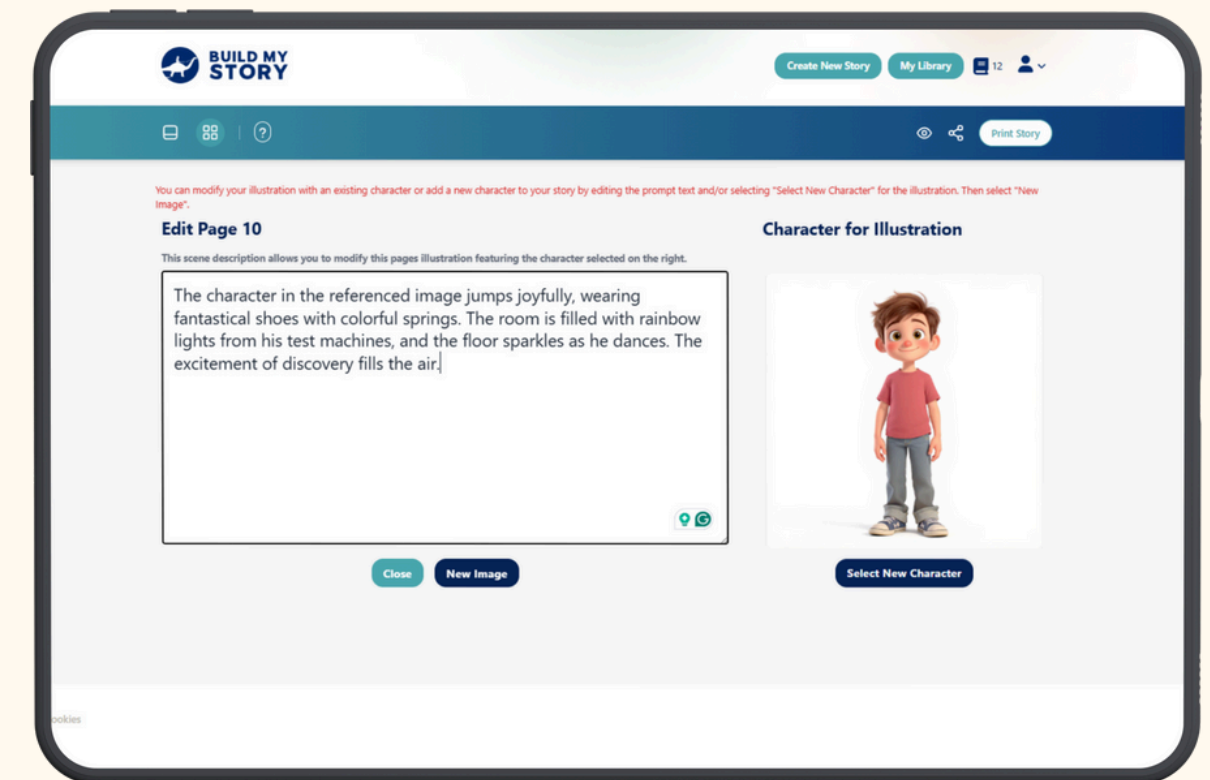
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Create or choose a new character

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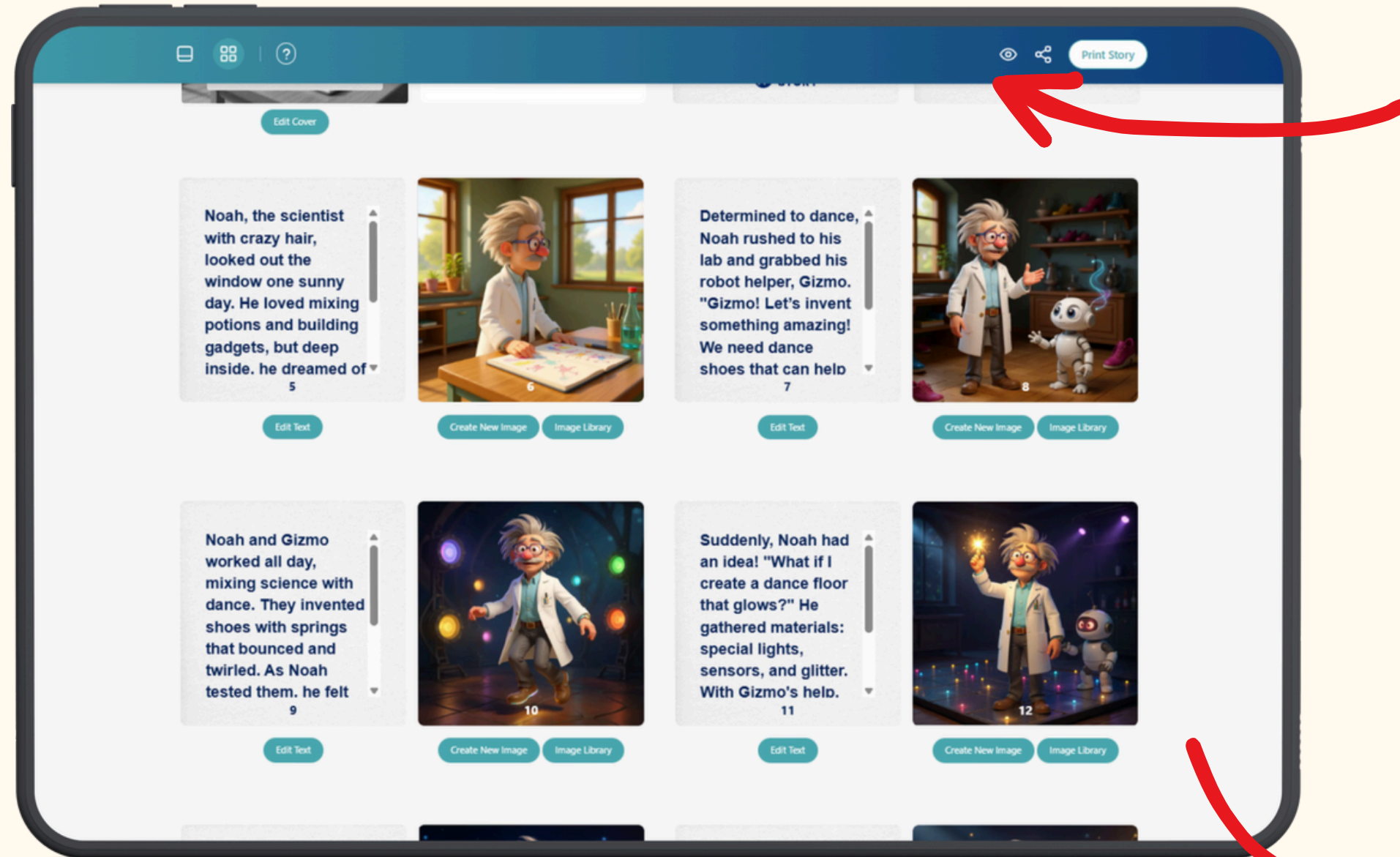


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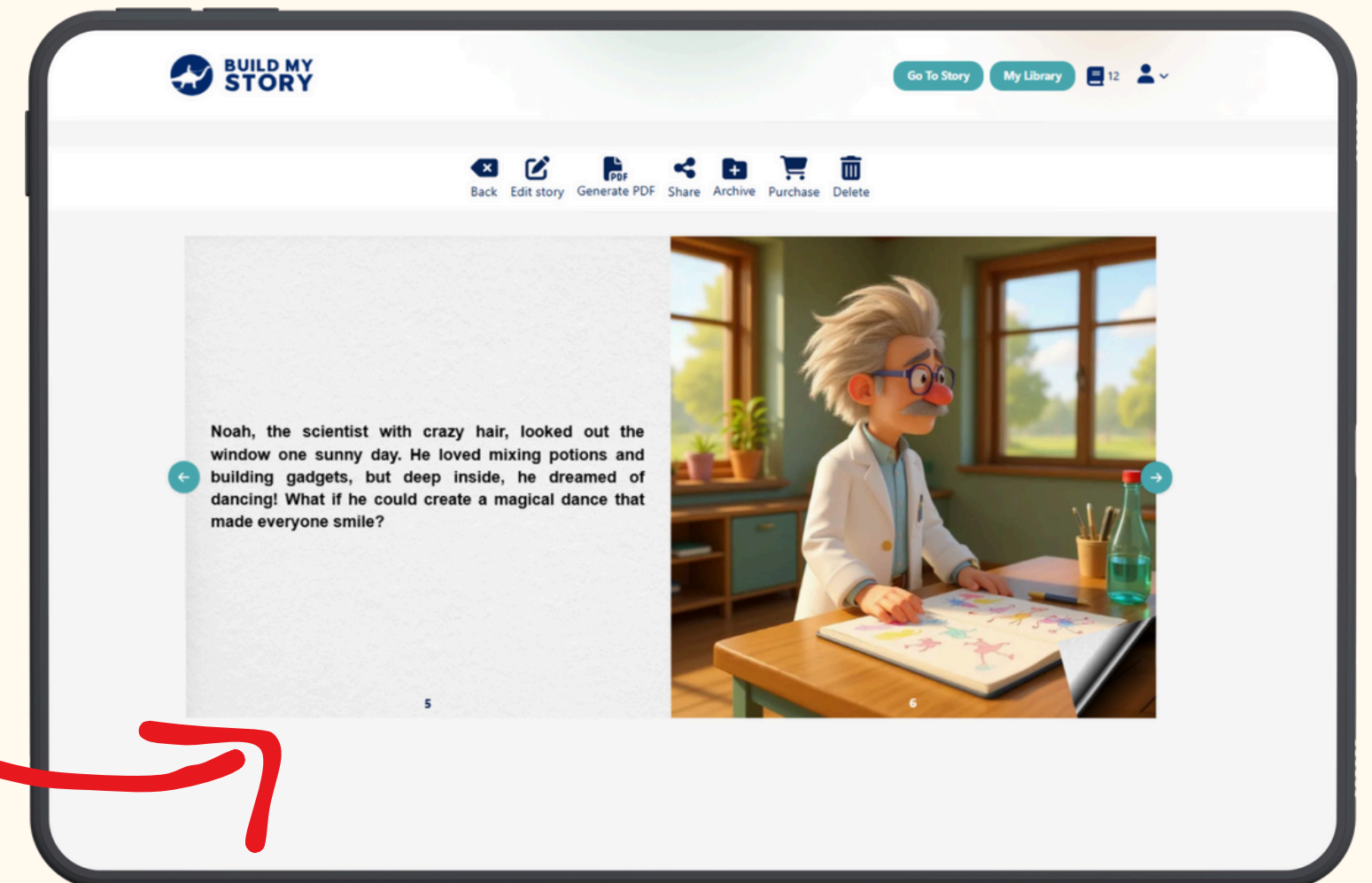
Remember to change your image prompt with your new character!



# Proof Read when you're finished!



Click on the 



# Learning Objectives

- ☒ I can revise my draft story to make it clearer
- ☒ I can fix capitals, punctuation, and spelling.
- ☒ I can type my story and give it a great title.
- ☒ I can publish a book!
- ☒ I can make an AI picture

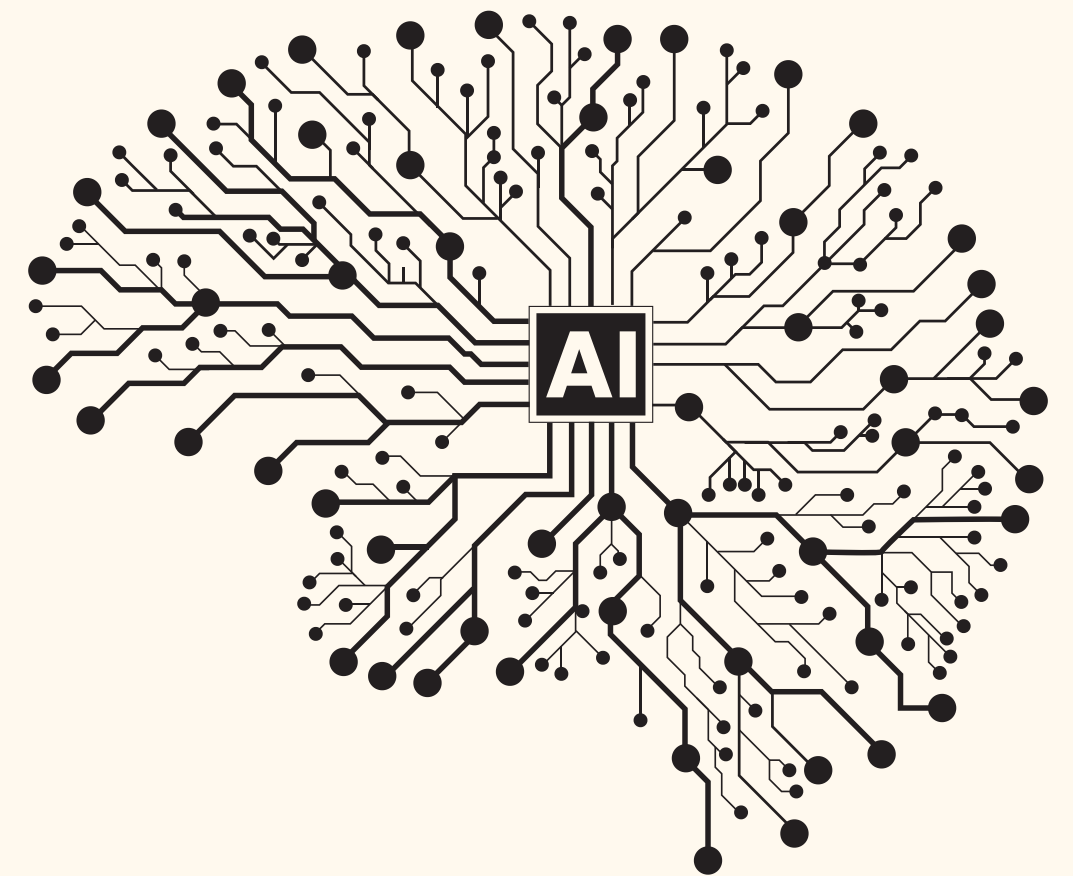
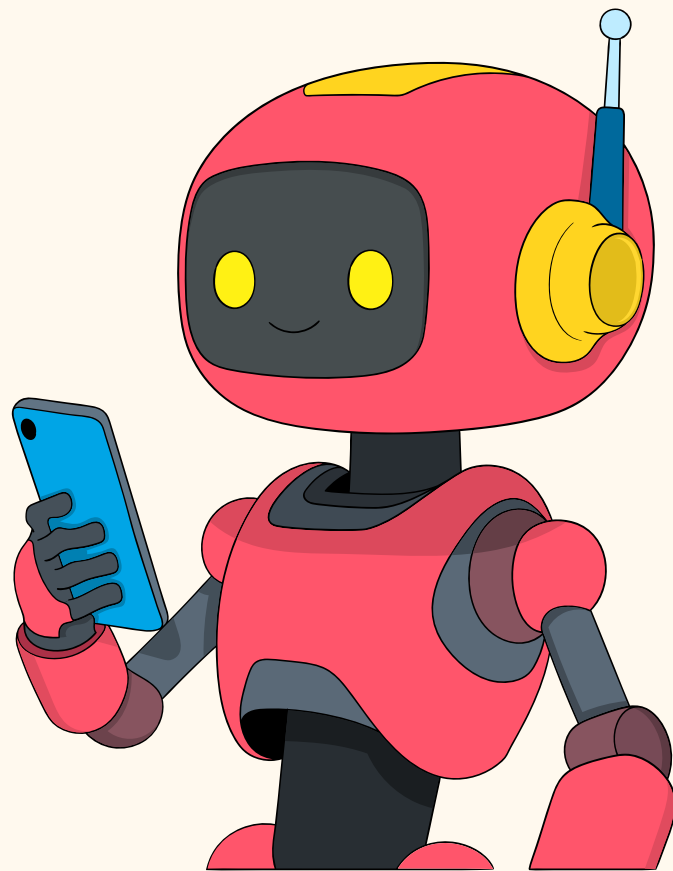
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# What is AI?

Optional Add On

The first question is...

**What is A.I?**

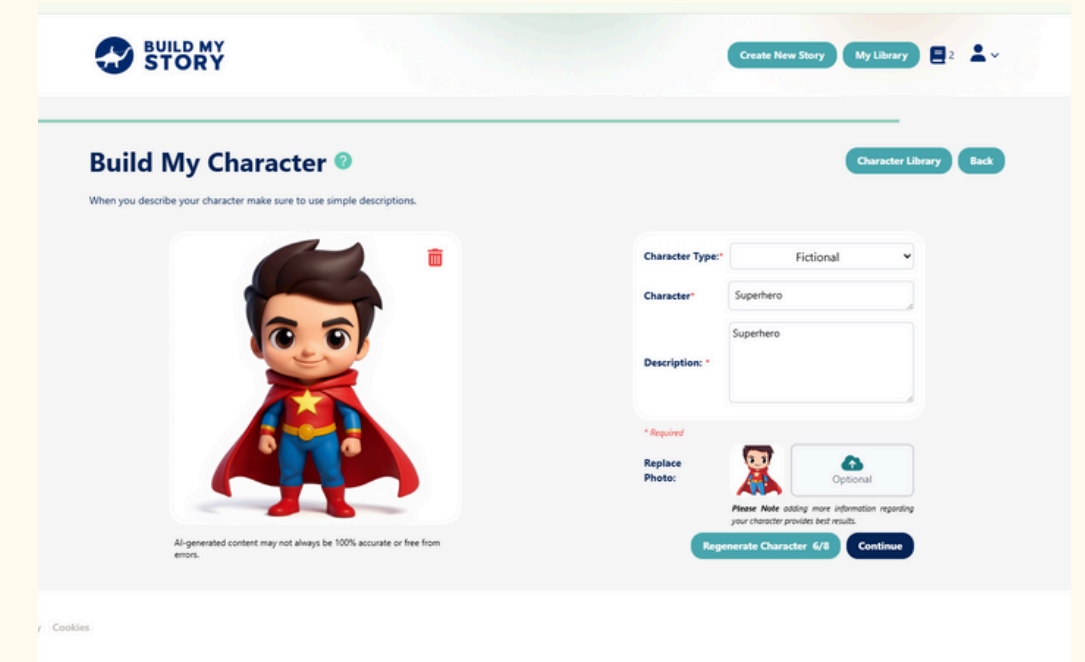
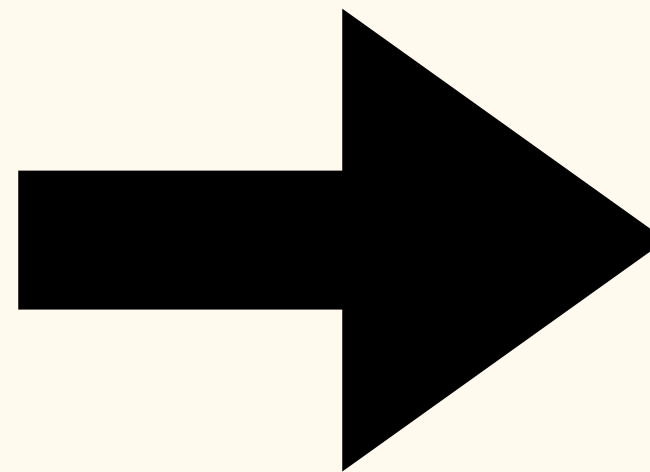




# What is A.I?

AI = Artificial Intelligence.

- It means computers learn patterns from lots of examples.
- Then they use those patterns to help us: recognize voices, suggest words, translate, draw pictures from words, and chat.



That's how your character was made!

## In Build My Story, AI can:

- grow your summary into a story (Help me write)
- make pictures from your prompt (Create new image)

## Remember!

AI is NOT a person. It has no feelings and can make mistakes.

YOU are the author — check, edit, and choose what to keep.

## Story Summary → Big Story

## Image Prompt →



Be smart & kind online:

- Don't share private info (full name, address, passwords).
- Ask an adult if something doesn't look right.