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When I Grow Up

Writing Project

Plan, write, publish your story in Build My Story



Mini-Lesson

While you watch...

- Think about what your deeam job is.



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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.

Plan your journey

- Your teacher will hand out a worksheet
- Choose your dream job and what age you will be when you become this
- Think: Why do I want to be this?
 - What do I need to do to get there?
 - What challenge will I face?

 **When I Grow Up**

Name: _____

Date: _____

?

Pick a job you dream of. Use this space to plan your story. Why you want it, steps you can take, and a challenge you may face along the journey.

I am _____ years old, and I want to be _____
_____ when I'm _____ years old.

Why do you want to be this?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

What do you need to do to reach this goal?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

A Challenge you may face?


Do you need to study?


Do you need to train?


What is your dream?


What do you need to achieve?


Do you need to work hard?

 ☒ Brainstorm

 ☐ Plan

 ☐ Write

 ☐ Build My Story



Dream BIG!

- Choose one idea
- Dream as big or as little as you like, its your journey!



When I Grow Up

Name: _____

Date: _____

Take your ideas about your journey to your dream job. Begin to Brainstorm your story, and how you are going to reach this goal.

My Dream Job is:

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

- dream
- job
- work
- career
- goal
- future
- plan
- helper
- leader
- teamwork
- skill
- learn
- practice
- train
- study
- teacher
- doctor
- nurse
- scientist
- engineer
- artist
- writer
- designer
- builder
- chef
- baker
- pilot
- firefighter
- police
- musician
- dancer
- athlete
- coach
- farmer
- vet
- inventor
- computer
- technology
- create

Linking Words & Phrases

- discover
- imagine
- succeed
- challenge
- effort
- focus
- grow
- achieve
- community
- respect
- help
- share
- responsibility
- courage
- confidence
- goal-setting
- determination
- teamwork
- mentor
- problem-solve
- opportunity
- passion
- talent
- ambition
- responsibility
- helper
- inventor
- creator
- scientist
- astronaut
- director
- author
- reporter
- mechanic
- nurse
- designer
- electrician
- pilot
- librarian

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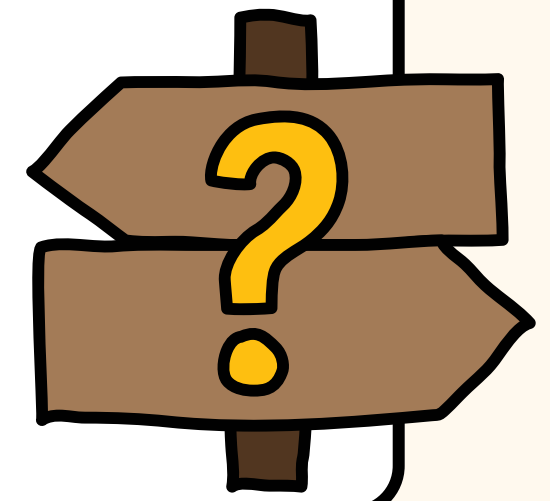
Turn to the person next to you and ask...



- What do you want to be?
- What challenge do you need to overcome?



- When does it happen?



You get 2 minutes

Your story shows your journey

 You get 15 minutes

When I Grow Up	
Use this page to plan your journey story! If you're doing Option 1, you'll type this into the web app. If you're doing Option 2, use it as notes to help write your full story. Ask your teacher if you need help.	
1 Where I Am Now	Write who you are right now - your age, interests, and what you already enjoy learning or doing.
2 My Dream Job	Show the job you dream of having in the future and write why it's exciting to you.
3 Steps I'll Take	List or explain 2-3 things you'll do to reach your goal - things you'll learn, practice, or complete.
4 Challenges I Might Face	Write about one challenge you might face and how you could overcome it.
5 My Future Self	Imagine you've reached your dream job. Write what your life looks like and how you'll feel when you get there.

3 Journey
How I'll Get There?

2 Dream
What I Want to Be?

4 Challenge
What Might Be Hard?

1 Beginning
Who I Am Now?

5 Future Self
What Success Looks Like?

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

- Dream job and reason written?
- Steps and challenge included?
- Name on every sheet?



Please hand in
your amazing
work so far!

Next time – your writing choices

- Summary → Help me write (you'll type what you wrote)
- Full draft → Type it myself (aim for ≤ 200 words)

Learning Objectives

- ☒ I can think of 3+ ideas and pick my best one.
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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 plan

Reminder

3 Journey
How I'll Get There?

2 Dream
What I Want to Be?

4 Challenge
What Might Be Hard?

1 Beginning
Who I Am Now?

5 Future Self
What Success Looks Like?

Choose your path

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

PATH A

When I Grow Up

Name: _____

Use this page to plan your journey story!
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Ask your teacher if you need help.

1 Where I Am Now

Write who you are right now - your age, interests, and what you already enjoy learning or doing.

2 My Dream Job

Show the job you dream of having in the future and write why it's exciting to you.

3 Steps I'll Take

List or explain 2-3 things you'll do to reach your goal - things you'll learn, practice, or complete.

4 Challenges I Might Face

Write about one challenge you might face and how you could overcome it.

5 My Future Self

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BUILD MY STORY

Brainstorm

Plan

Write

Build My Story

Build My Story

Story Summary
(4–6 sentences)

PATH B

Page 1

Page 2

Page 3

Author Name

BUILD MY STORY

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) Where am I Now
- 2) My Dream Job
- 3) Steps I'll Take
- 4) Challenges I Might Face
- 5) My Future Self

Example Story Summary 1

- 1) I'm 12 years old, and I live in a small town with my dog, Luna.
- 2) I want to be a vet when I turn 23, but I worry I won't be brave enough when animals are hurt.
- 3) One day, Luna scraped her paw, and my parents asked me to help.
- 4) I cleaned it gently and wrapped it just like the vet would.
- 5) Luna wagged her tail, and I felt proud knowing I could stay calm and help animals.

Example Story Summary 2

- 1) I'm 12 years old, and I play soccer every day after school, because I enjoy it.
- 2) I want to be a soccer player when I'm 23, but I worry I might miss an important goal.
- 3) In the finals, the score was tied with one minute left.
- 4) I took a deep breath and kicked the ball into the net and I scored!
- 5) My team cheered, and I felt proud that my practice paid off.

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:

Me, Now → Dream Job → Steps I'll Take → Challenges → Me, Future

Draft guide

- Where I am now — 2–3 lines
- My Dream Job — 3–5 lines
- Steps I'll Take — 2–3 lines
- Challenges — 3–4 lines
- My Future Self — 2–3 lines

Write on the worksheet page by page. Think about the 5 part structure you used in planning

The worksheet template is divided into three horizontal sections, each representing a page. Each page has a title 'Page 1', 'Page 2', and 'Page 3' at the top. Below the title, there are five horizontal lines for writing. To the right of the lines is a large empty box for drawing. At the bottom of each page is a small icon of a pencil. At the bottom of the entire worksheet is a section for 'Author Name' with a line for writing. To the right of the name is a progress bar with four icons: a green dinosaur with a lightbulb (Brainstorm), a green dinosaur with a notepad (Plan), a green dinosaur with a pencil (Write), and a green dinosaur with a laptop (Build My Story). The 'Write' icon is highlighted with a checkmark. To the right of the progress bar is the 'BUILD MY STORY' logo.

Page 1

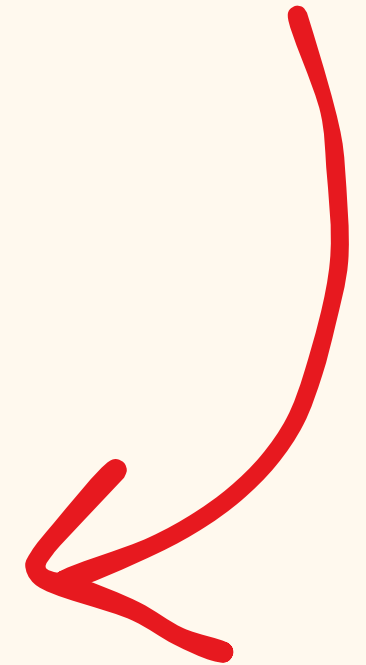
Page 2

Page 3

Author Name

☐ Brainstorm ☐ Plan ☒ Write ☐ Build My Story

BUILD MY STORY



Show, don't tell

Tell → I was happy.

Show → I grinned and bounced in my chair.

Tell → It smelled good.

Show → Butter popped and cinnamon filled the kitchen.

Swap one “tell” for a “show.”

Write Time!



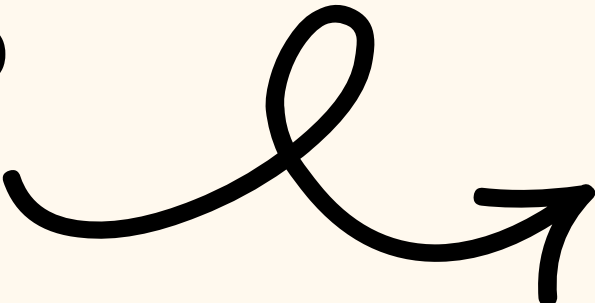
You get 20 minutes

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

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- work
- career
- goal
- future
- plan
- helper
- leader
- teamwork
- skill
- learn
- practice
- train
- study
- teacher
- doctor
- nurse
- scientist
- engineer
- artist
- writer
- designer
- builder
- chef
- baker
- pilot
- firefighter
- police
- musician
- dancer
- athlete
- coach
- farmer
- vet
- inventor
- computer
- technology
- create
- explore
- discover
- imagine
- succeed
- challenge
- effort
- focus
- grow
- achieve
- community
- respect
- help
- share
- responsibility
- courage
- confidence
- goal-setting
- determination
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- helper
- inventor
- creator
- scientist
- astronaut
- director
- author
- reporter
- mechanic
- nurse
- designer
- electrician
- pilot
- librarian
- entrepreneur

Linking Words & Phrases

- first
- next
- then
- after that
- before
- later
- finally
- at last
- to begin
- to start
- one day
- in the future
- when I grow up
- at the same time
- because
- so
- therefore
- as a result
- since
- due to
- for example
- for instance
- such as
- in particular
- during
- while
- although
- even though
- instead
- on the other hand
- as well as
- moreover
- furthermore
- but
- however
- after all
- importantly
- above all
- in the end
- 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? Me, Now → Dream Job → Steps I'll Take → Challenges → Me, Future
- 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.
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Session 3

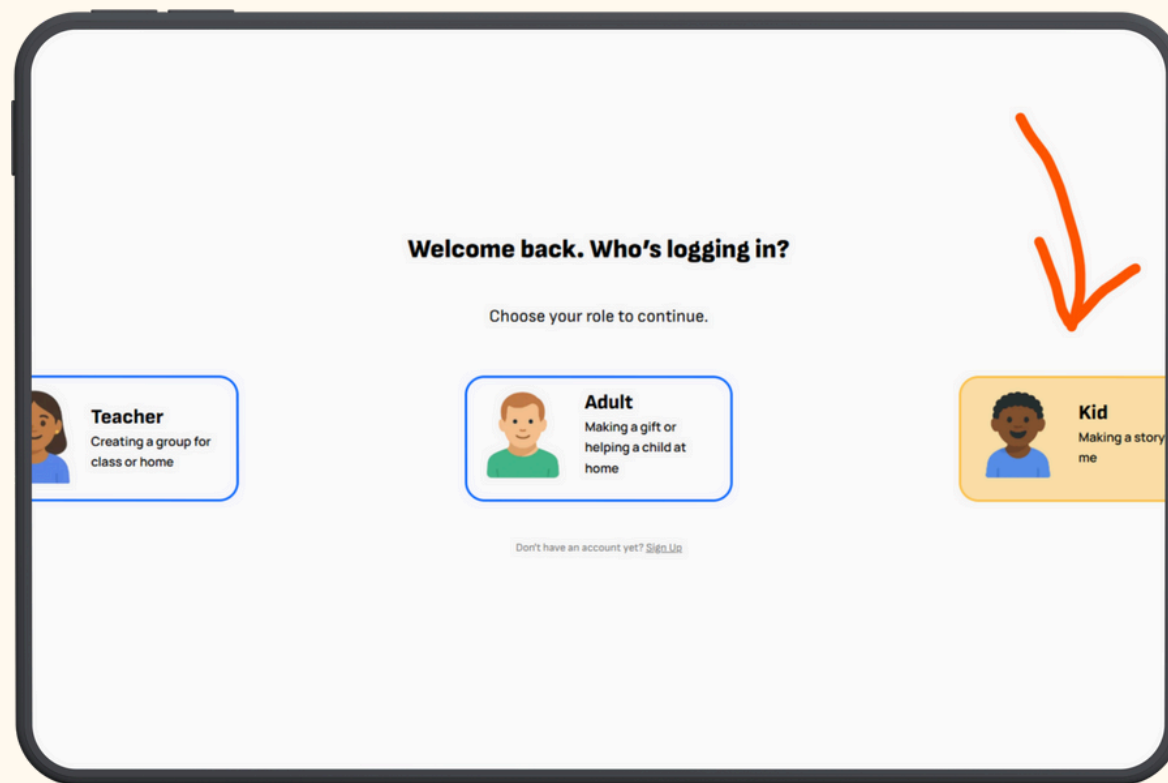
Build Your Story

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

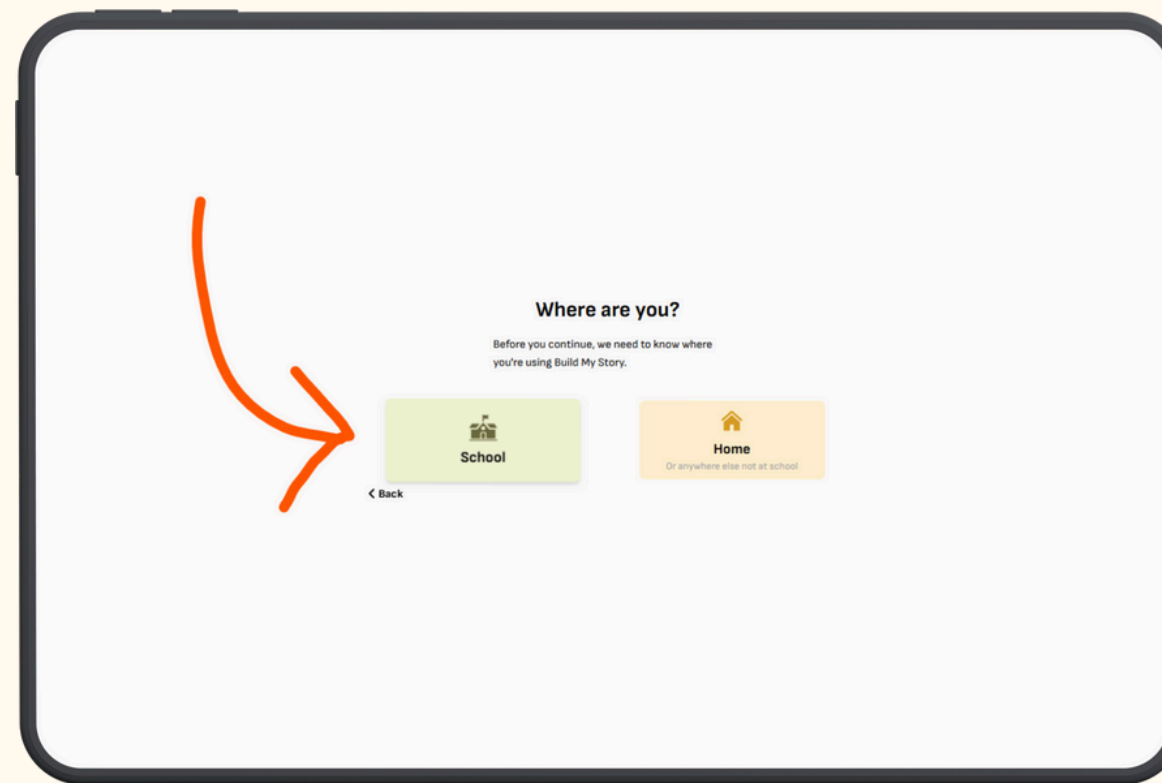
Sign in

1



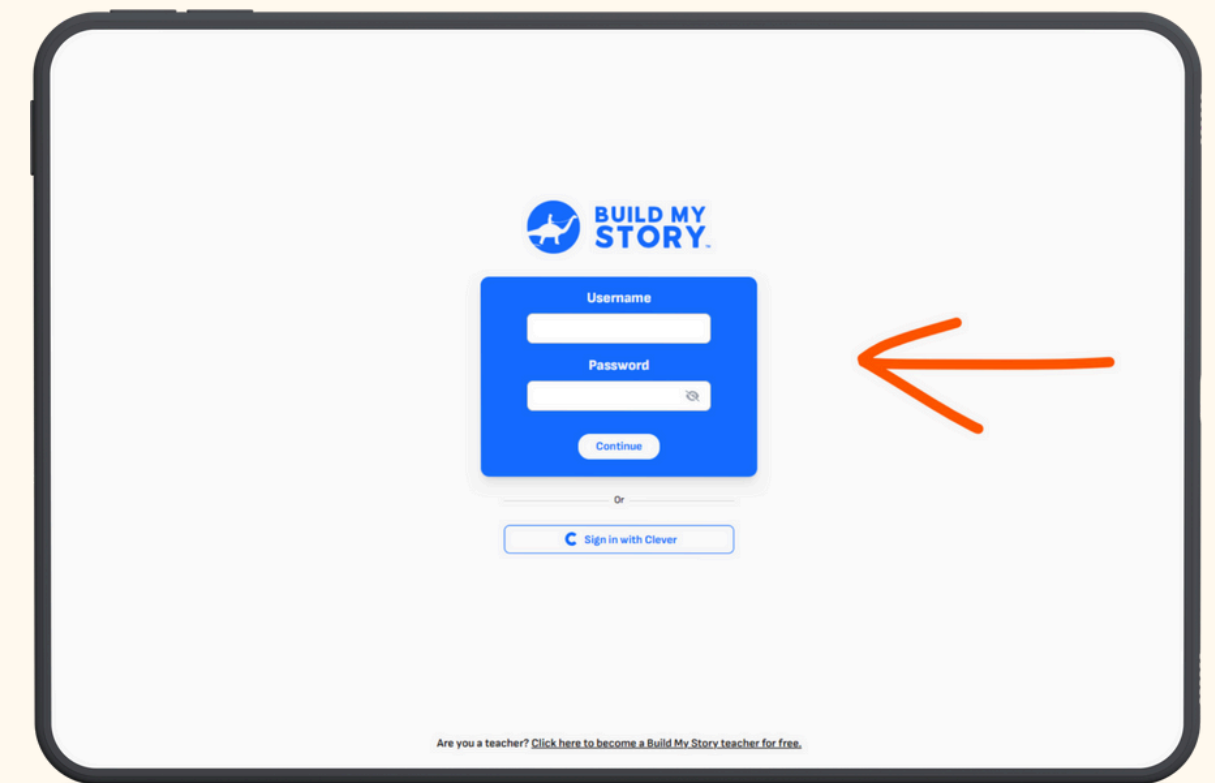
Open Build My Story

2



Tap Kid to sign in

3



Log in using username

Your teacher will help with usernames or Clever or Google Classroom

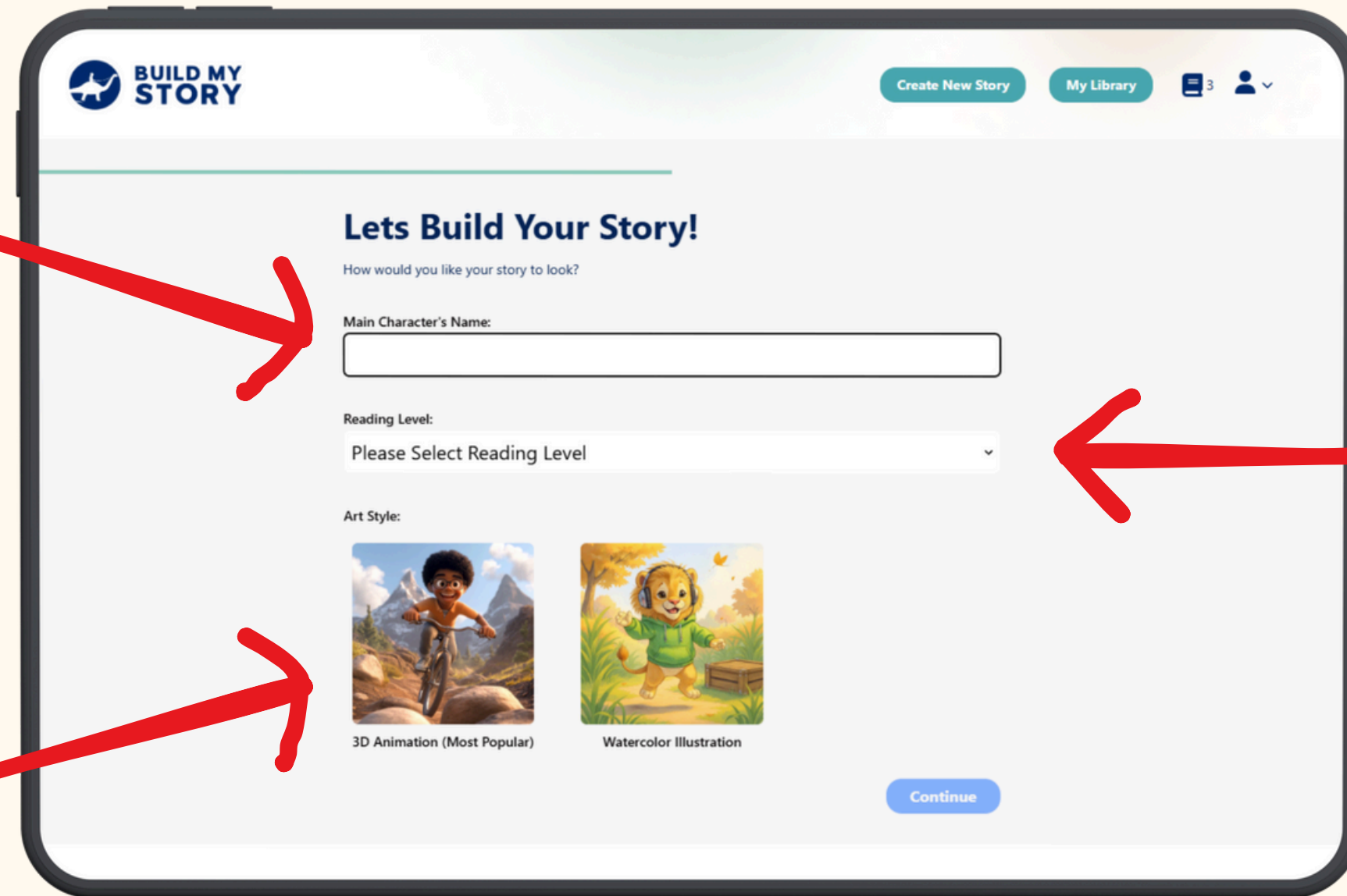
Set up your book

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, there 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

The screenshot shows the 'Build My Story' app interface for Path A. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the logo, 'Create New Story', 'My Library', and a user icon. Below this, the 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' (highlighted with a yellow box) and 'I Want to Write It Myself'. The 'Help Me Write My Story' option leads to a 'Story Setting & Goal' section with a text area containing an example: 'ex: An abandoned research station hidden in the Arctic, where a kid discovers old technology and must uncover what happened to the missing scientists.' Below this are three dropdown menus for 'Story Type', 'Writing Style', and 'Write Story Inc'. At the bottom, there are 'Back' and 'Continue' buttons.

Help me write — paste your summary

Path B

The screenshot shows the 'Build My Story' app interface for Path B. It follows the same top navigation and heading as Path A. The 'I Want to Write It Myself' option (highlighted with a yellow box) leads to a 'Page by page story breakdown' section. This section displays a list of pages from 'Page 1' to 'Page 5'. Page 1 contains the text 'One sunny morning....' and a word count of '0/10 Words'. The other pages are empty and also show a '0/10 Words' count.

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

The screenshot shows the 'Build My Story' app interface. At the top, there's a header with the logo and navigation links: 'Create New Story', 'My Library', and a user icon. Below the header, the main heading is 'Lets Build Your Story!'. Underneath, there's a prompt: 'Tell us a little about your character and what the story's about'. There are two main options: 'Help Me Write My Story' (highlighted in yellow) and 'I Want to Write It Myself'. Below these, there's a 'Story Setting & Goal' section with an example text: 'ex: An abandoned research station hidden in the Arctic, where a kid discovers old technology and must uncover what happened to the missing scientists.' At the bottom, there are three dropdown menus: 'Story Type' (with 'Please Select Story Type'), 'Writing Style' (with 'Please Select Writing Style'), and 'Write Story In:' (with 'English (US)'). A 'Continue' button is at the bottom right. Red arrows point from the numbered instructions to specific parts of the interface: arrow 1 points to the 'Help Me Write My Story' button, arrow 2 points to the 'Story Type' dropdown, arrow 3 points to the 'Writing Style' dropdown, arrow 4 points to the 'Write Story In:' dropdown, and arrow 5 points to the 'Continue' button.

Type it myself

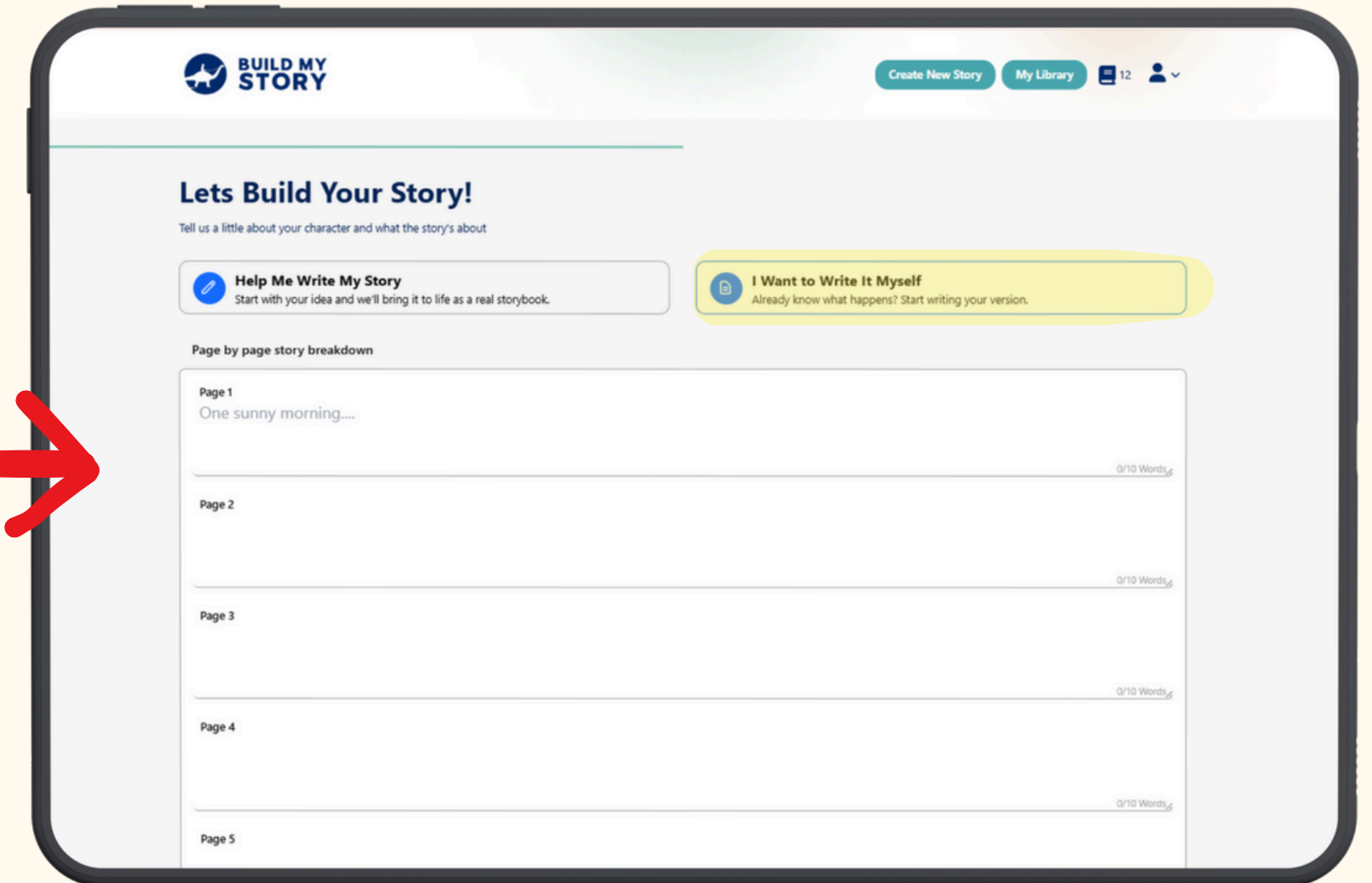
Type into the 11 pages

1

Remember:

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

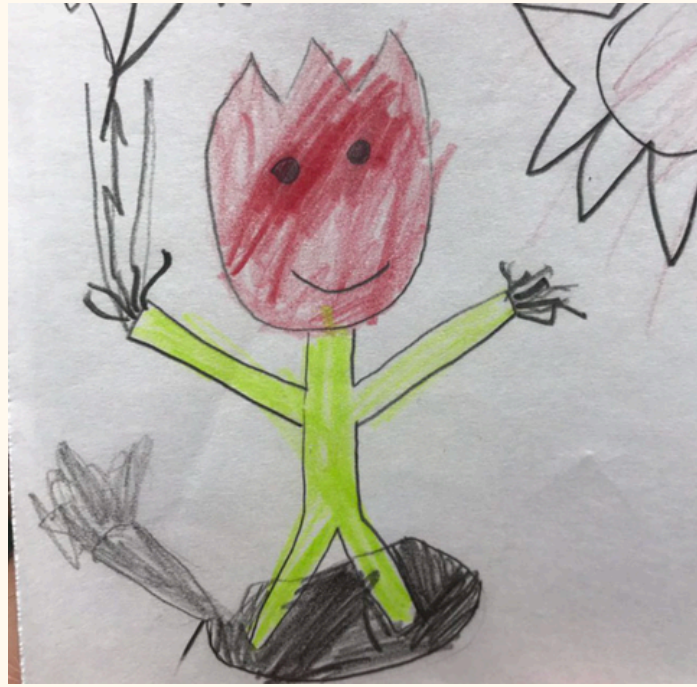
Use 2–3 linking words

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 highlight and a document icon). The 'I Want to Write It Myself' option is selected. Below these options, a section titled 'Page by page story breakdown' shows a list of pages from Page 1 to Page 5. Page 1 has the text 'One sunny morning....' and a '0/10 Words' indicator. Pages 2 through 5 are currently blank with '0/10 Words' indicators. A large red arrow points from the text 'Beginning → Build-up → BIG moment → Fixing it → Ending' in the first box to the 'I Want to Write It Myself' option in the app interface.

2

Click Continue

Build your character



Upload a drawing

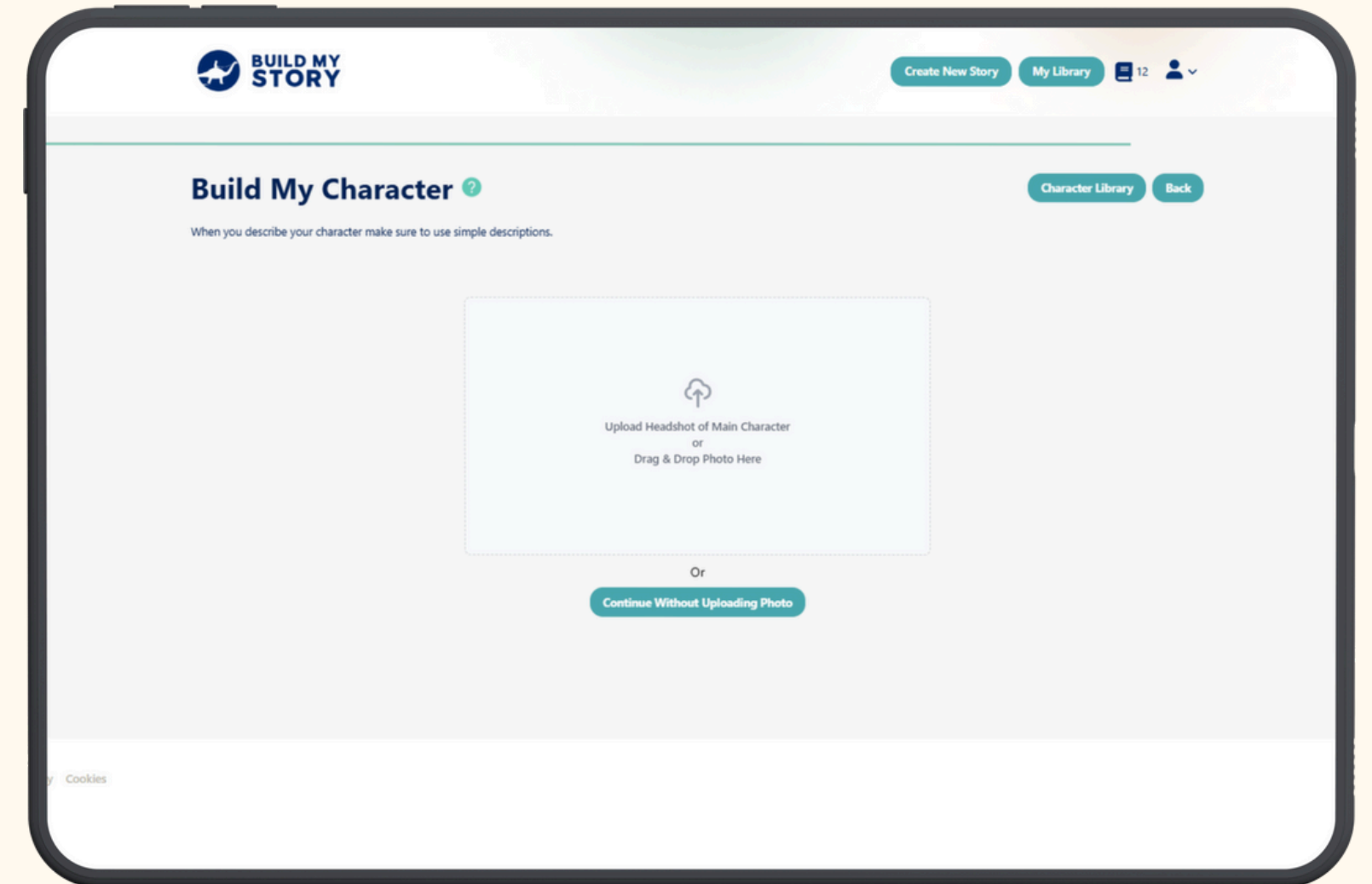
OR



A picture of a character

OR

Click 'Continue without uploading character'



Build your character

1

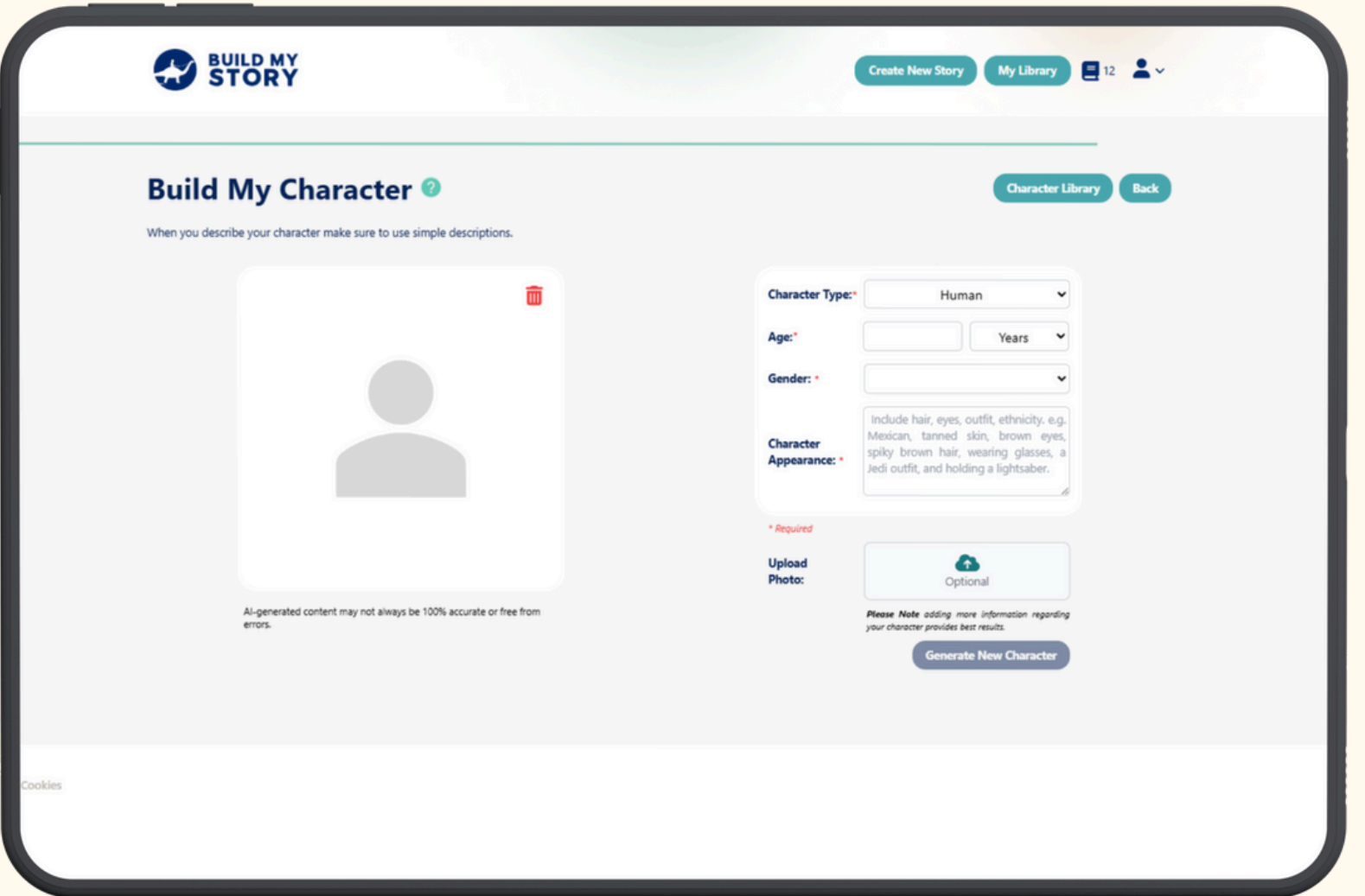
Choose Character Type:
Human, Animal or Fictional

2

Age or character type if
its an animal or fictional

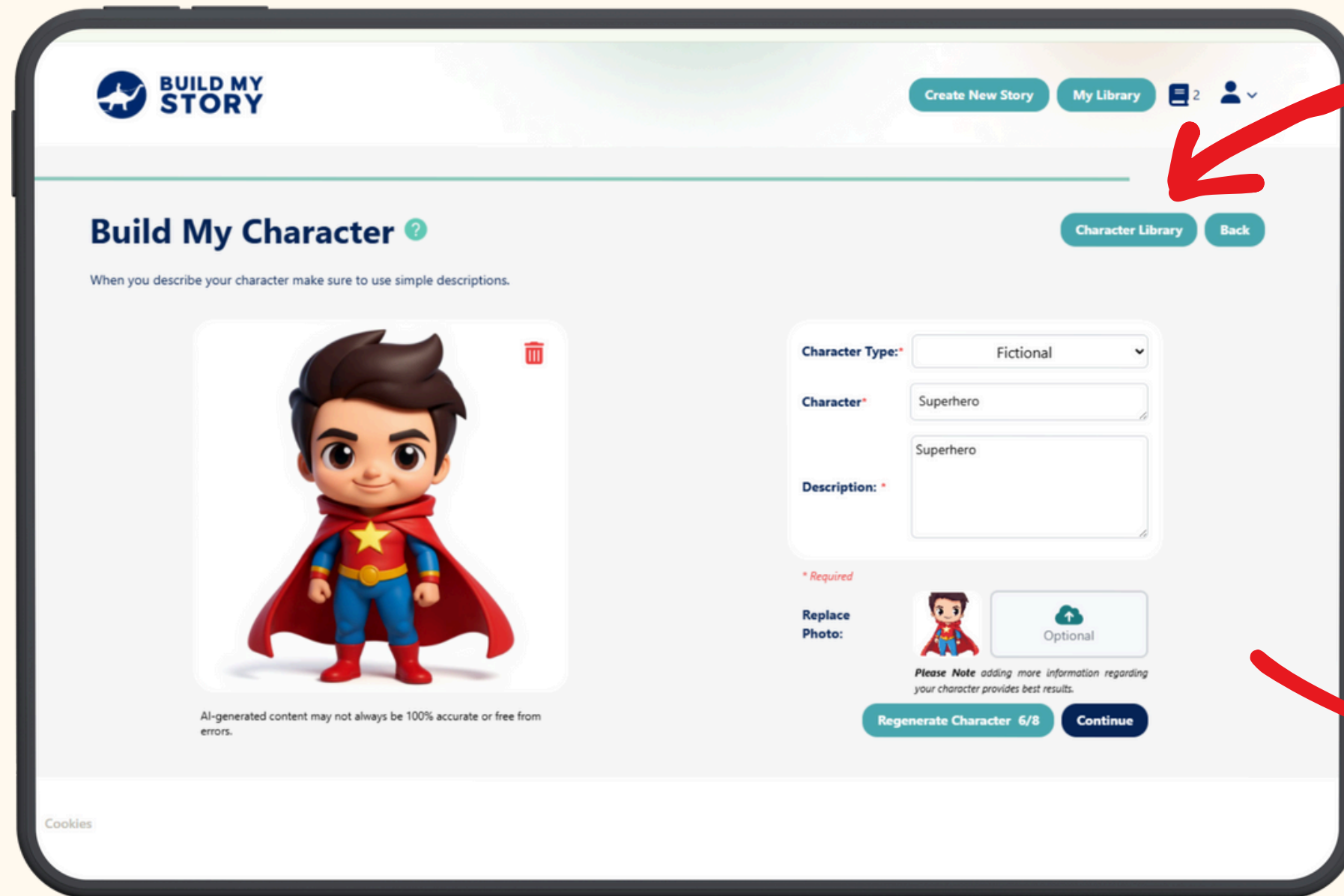
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Type character appearance.
What does the character look like?

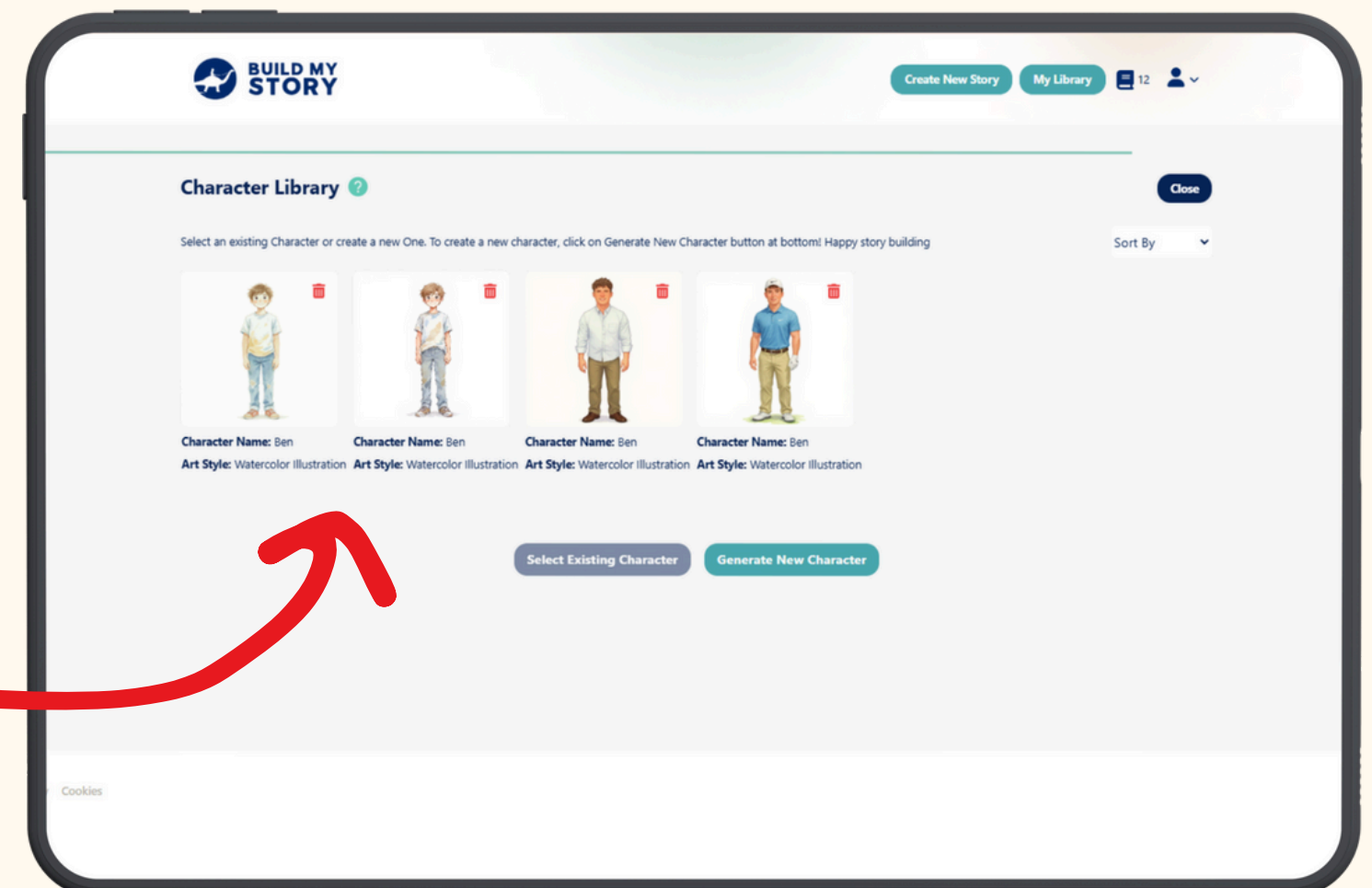
The screenshot shows the 'Build My Character' interface on a mobile device. At the top, there's a header with the 'BUILD MY STORY' logo and navigation links like 'Create New Story', 'My Library', and a user profile icon. The main heading is 'Build My Character' with a help icon. Below it, a note says '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 at the very bottom right. A 'Cookies' link is visible in the bottom left corner of the app frame.

4 Click 'Generate New Character'

Build your character



Click to view all of the characters you have made

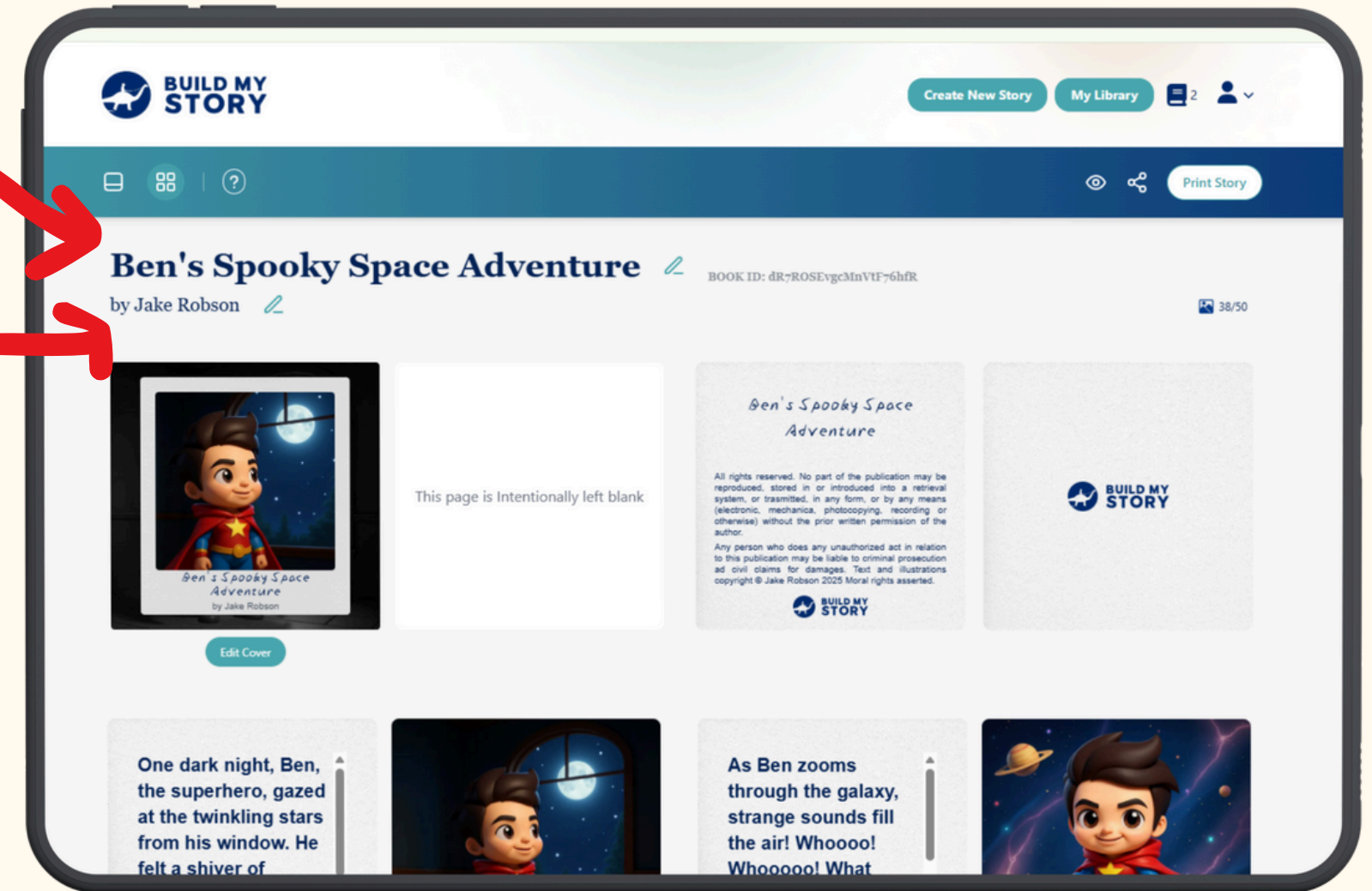


Edit Your Book Until You Are Happy!

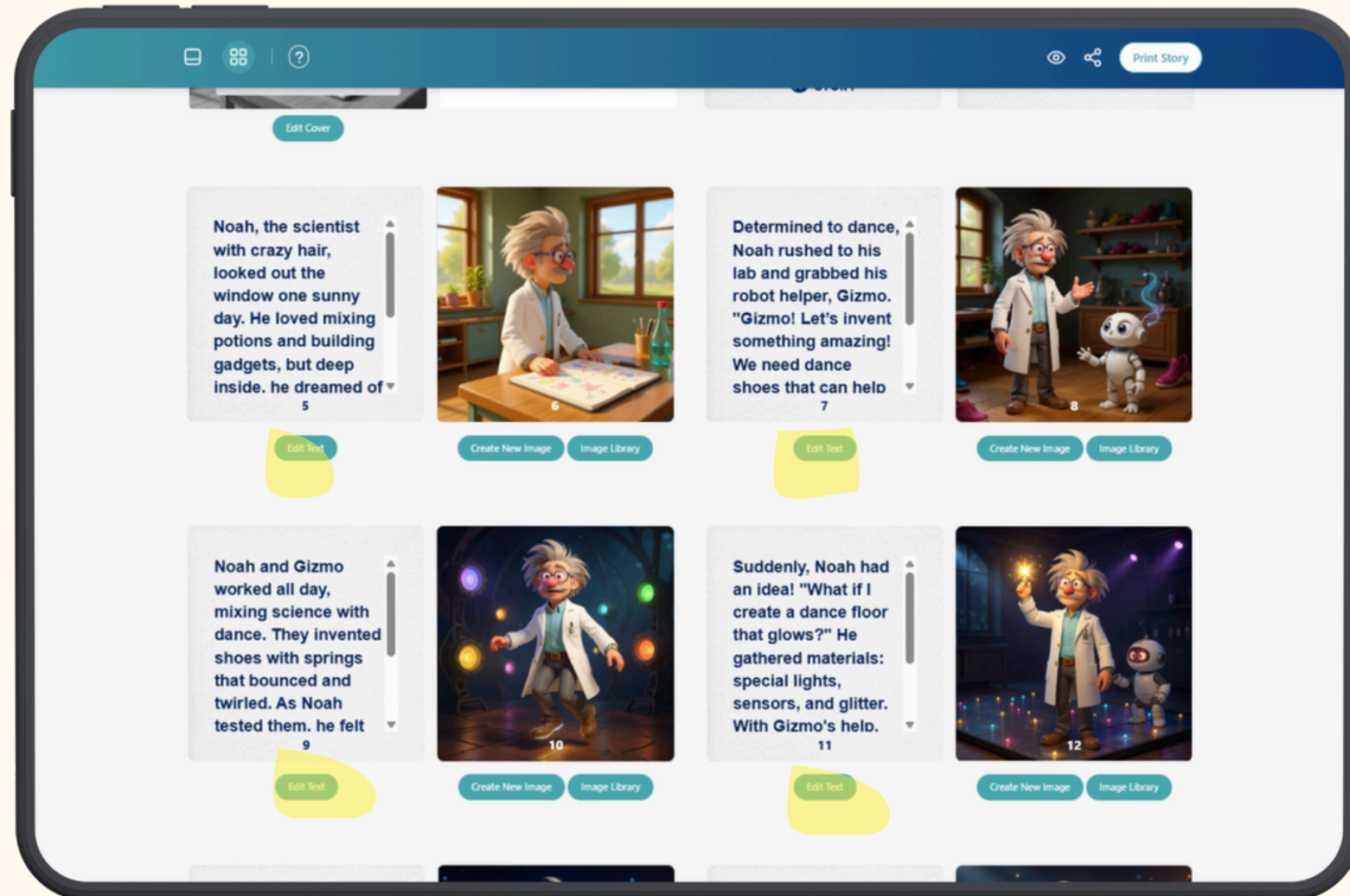
Edit Your Title

Edit Author Name

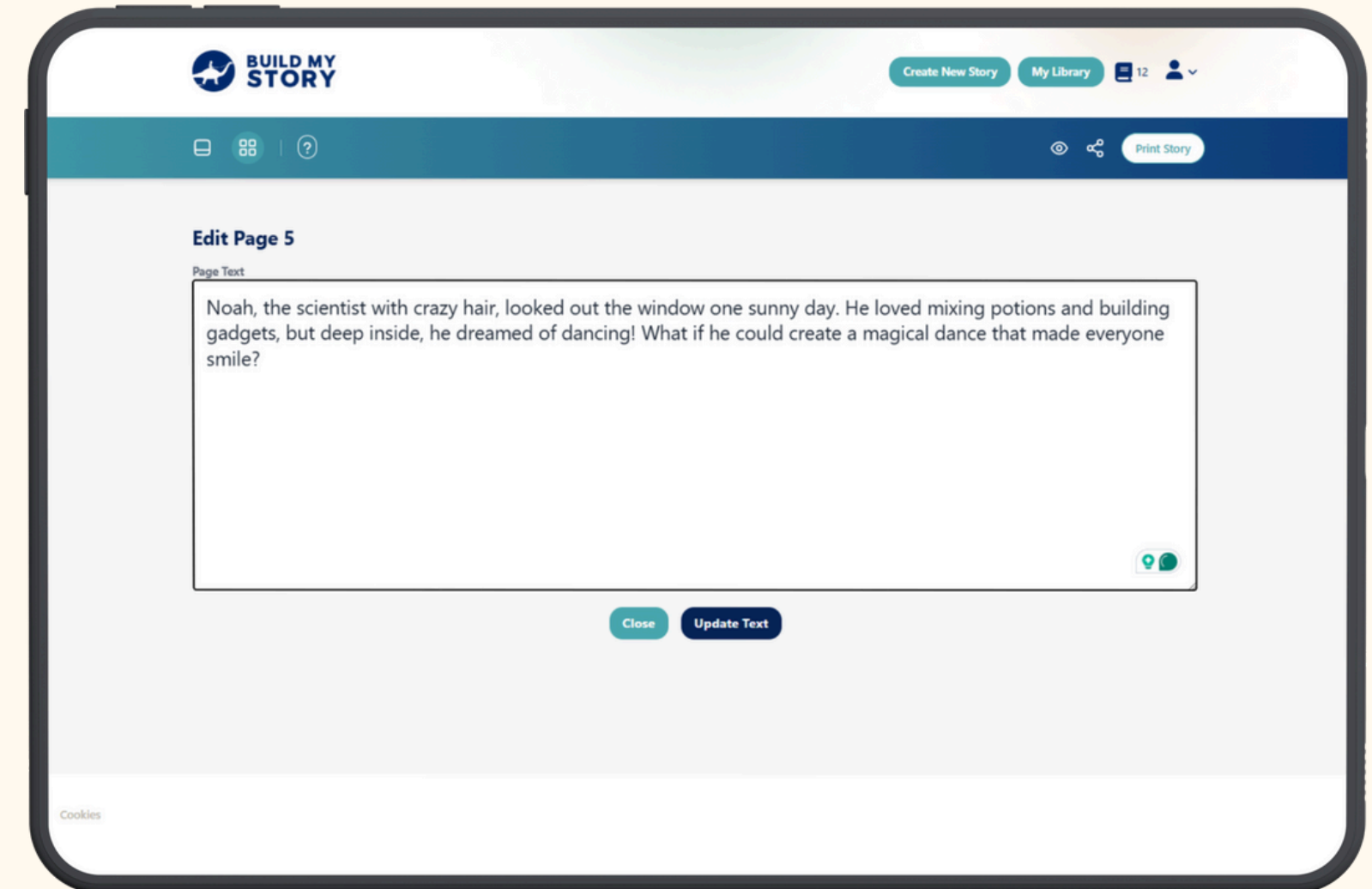
Scroll and Read your
amazing story!



How to edit text

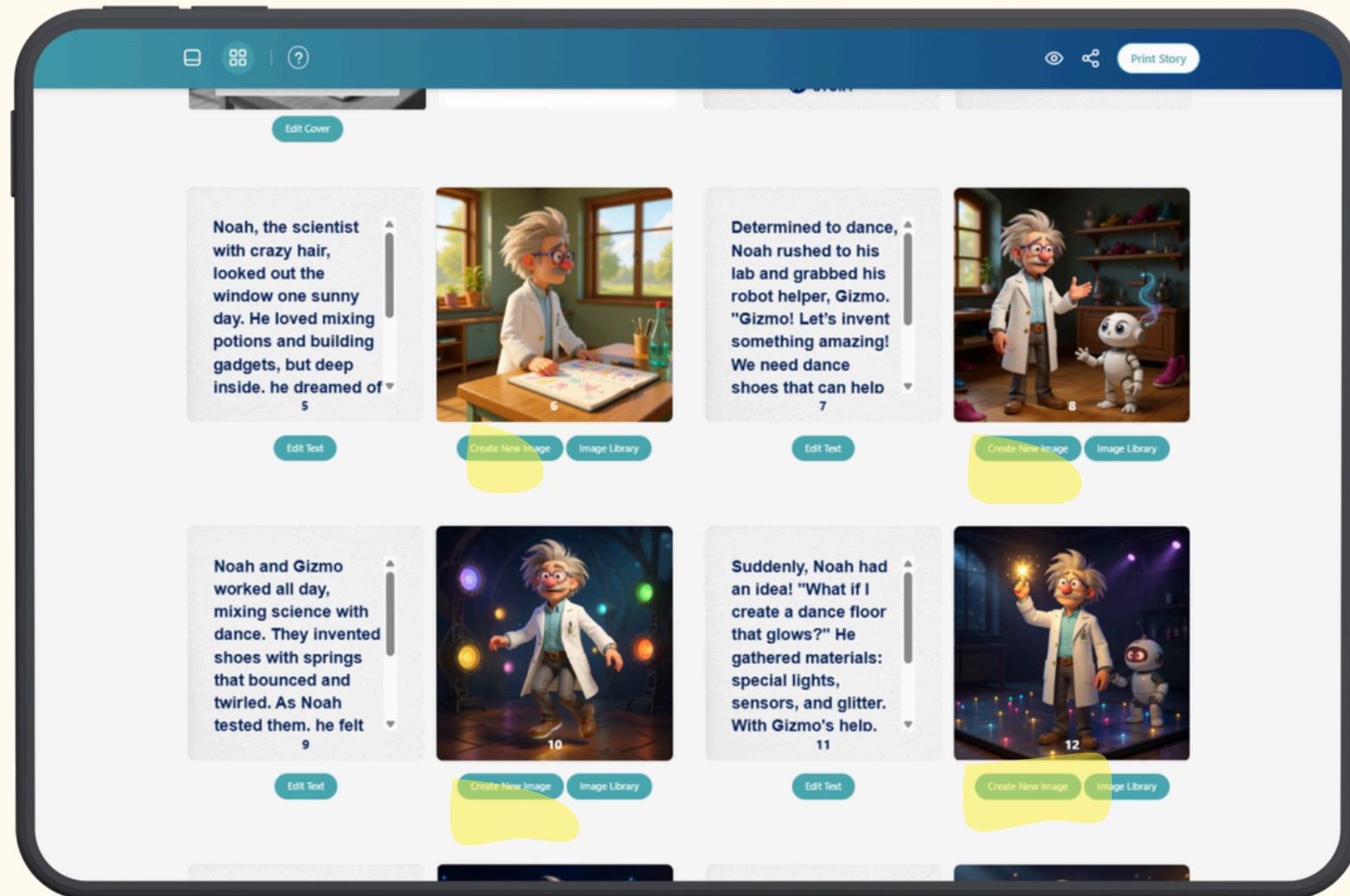


Click 'Edit Text'

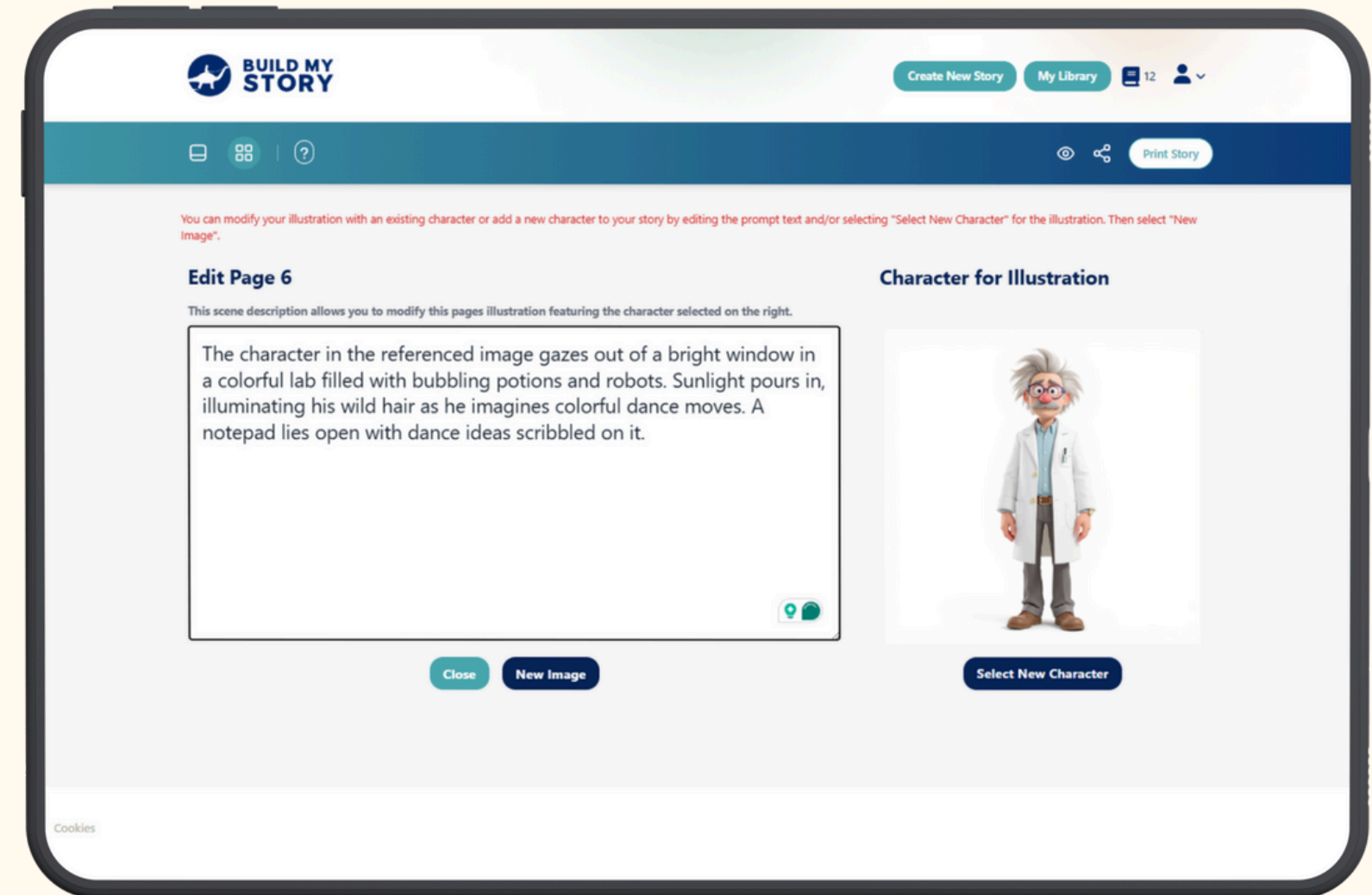


Type, Edit and 'Update Text'

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 character stirs a big pot in Grandma’s kitchen at sunset; steam rises and a pumpkin pie cools on the counter.”

Not Good Prompt

“The character in the kitchen.”

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 in the kitchen.”



Action – No Action



Place – “The kitchen”



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 character stirs a big pot in Grandma’s kitchen at sunset; steam rises and a pumpkin pie cools on the counter.”



Action – “Stirs a...”



Place – “Grandma’s kitchen”



Objects – “Big Pot”, “Pumpkin Pie”



Mood/Time – “Sunset”

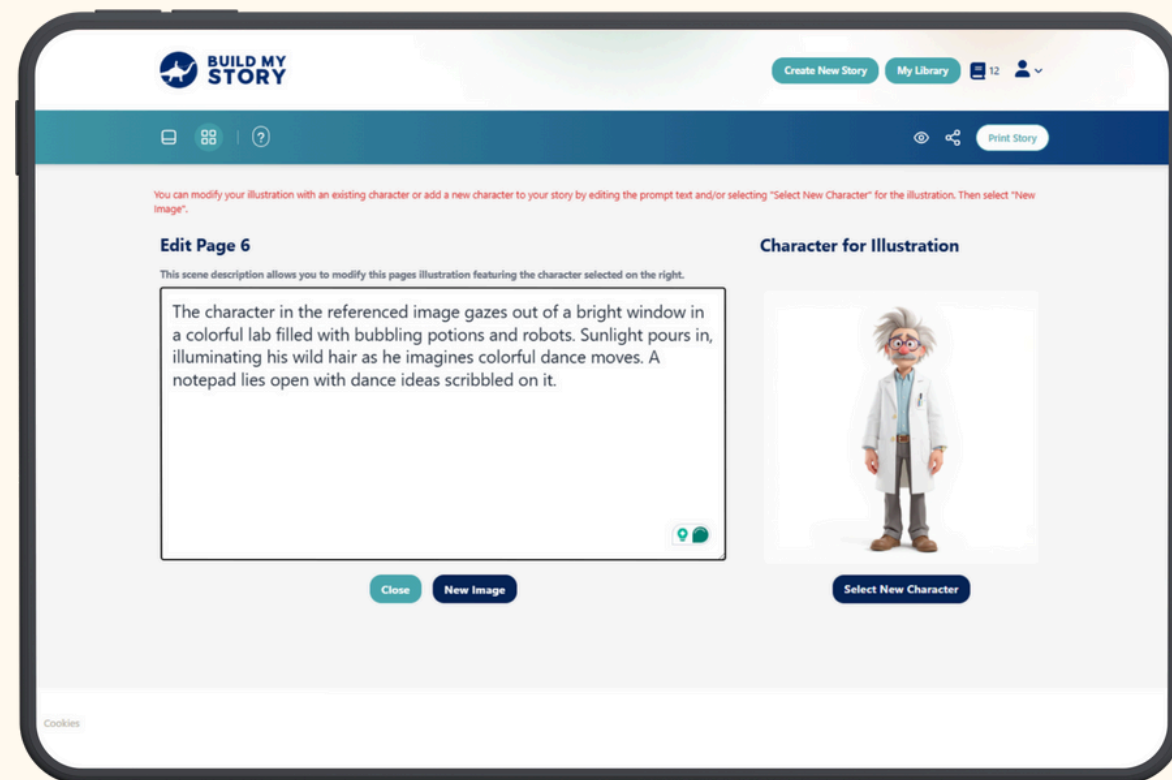
The good prompt has passed
the 4 magic parts!



And that’s how to use AI!

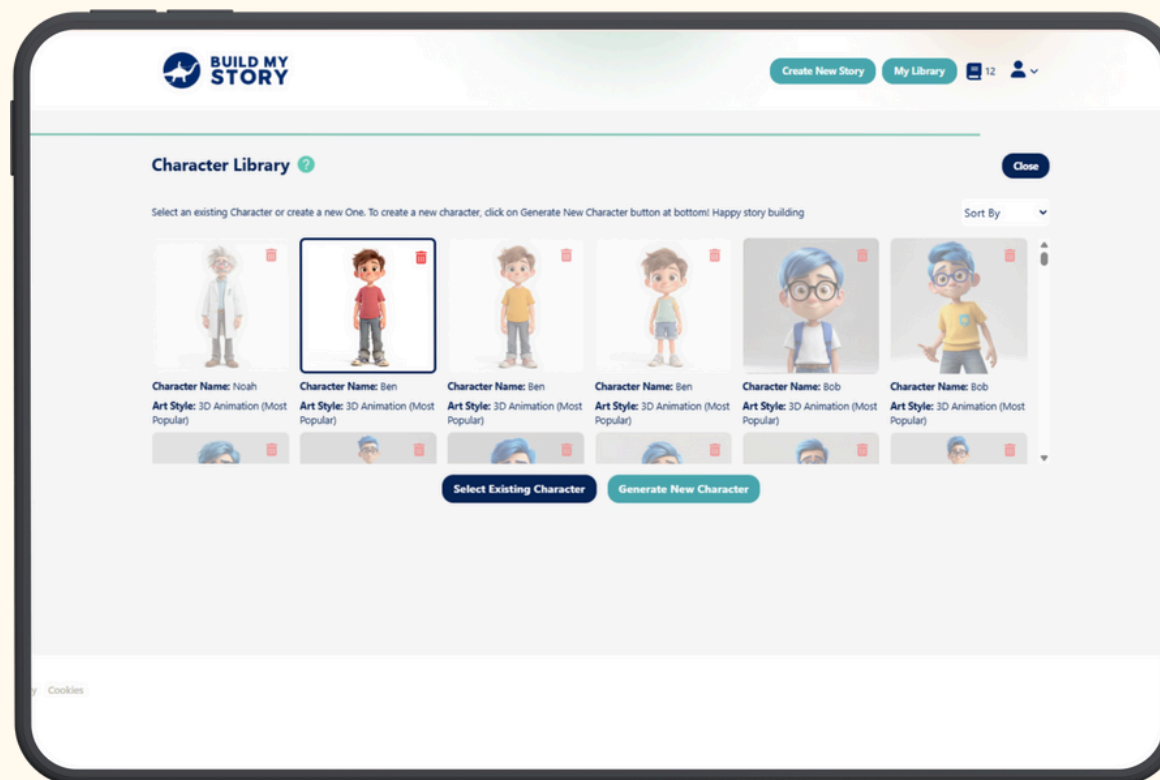
You can even add more characters!

1



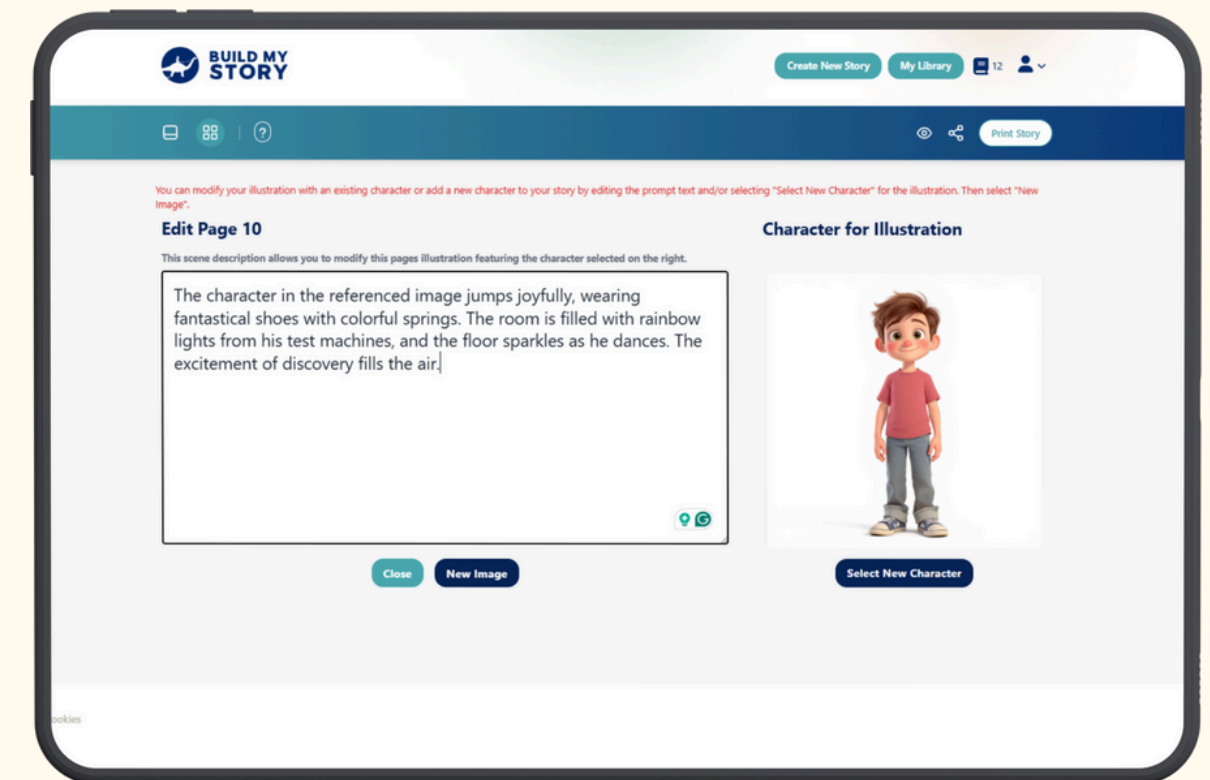
Click 'Select New Character'

2



Create or choose a new character

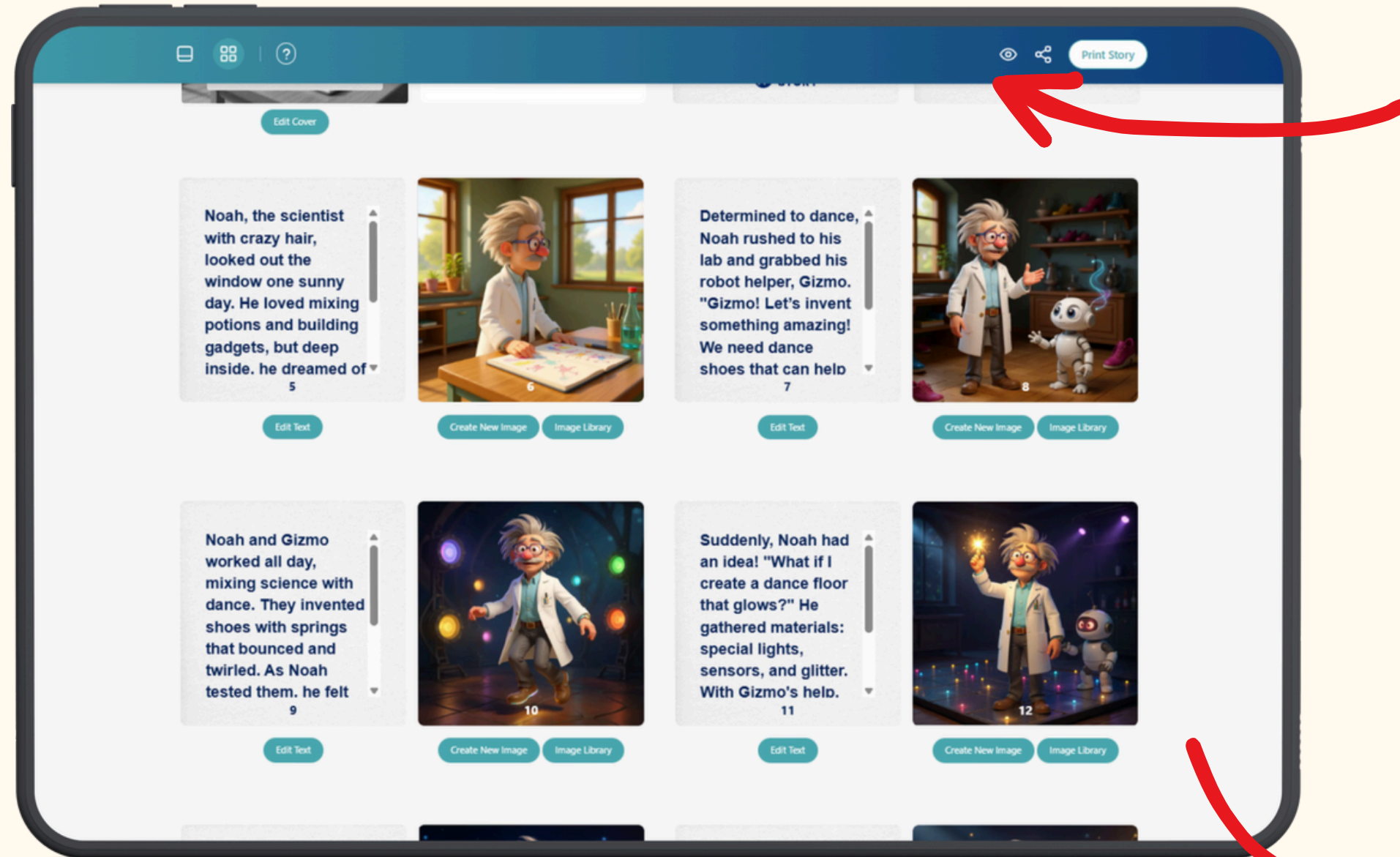
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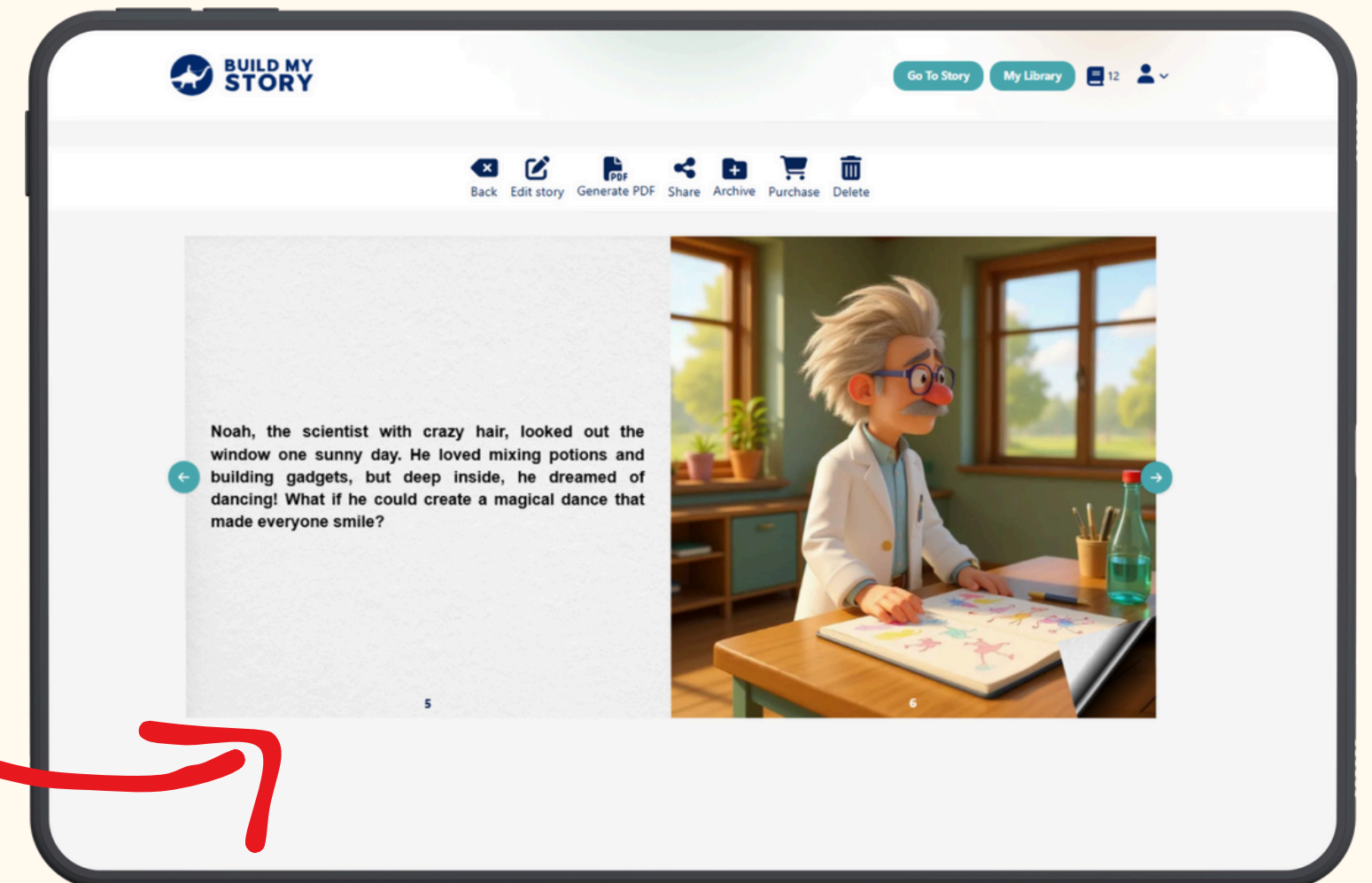
Edit Image Prompt

Remember to change your image prompt with your new character!

Proof Read when you're finished!



Click on the 



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- ☒ I can make an AI picture

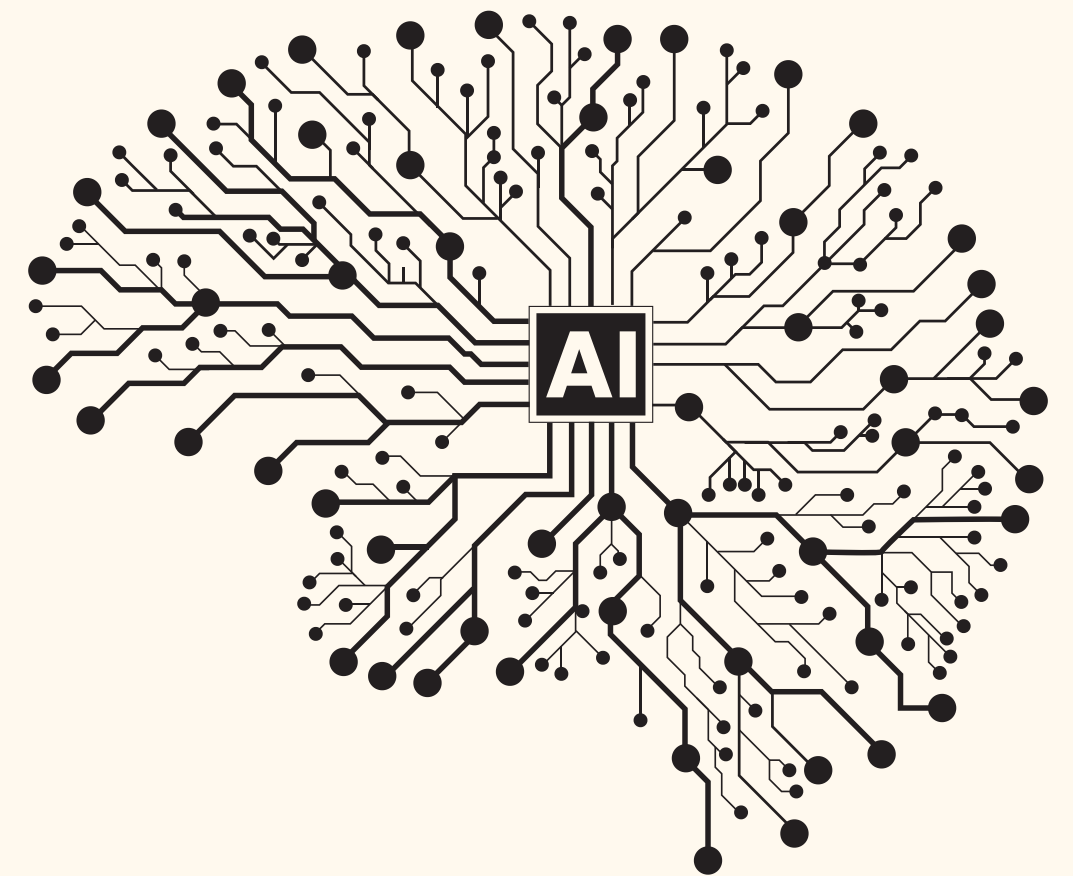
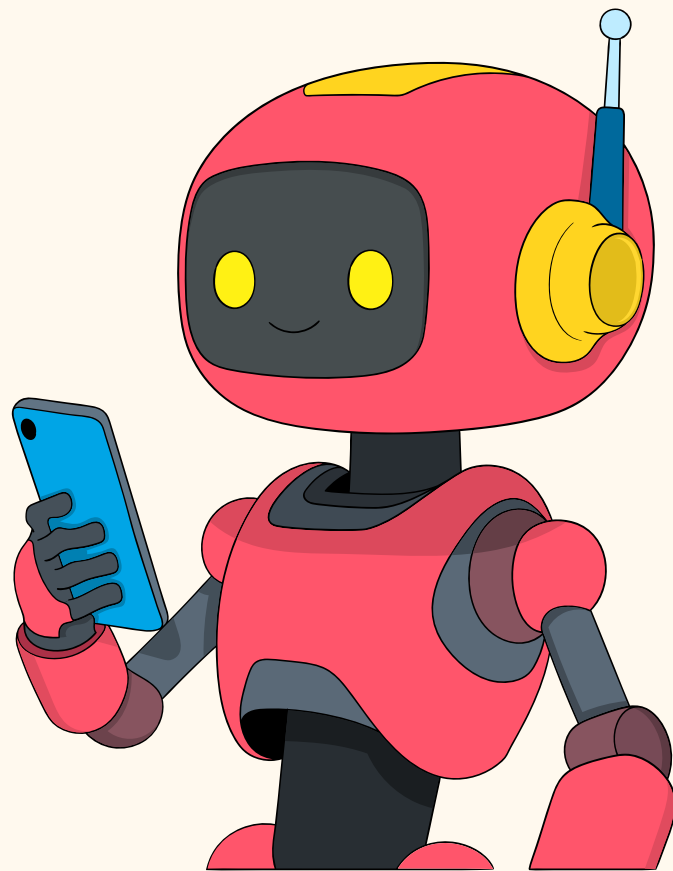
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What is AI?

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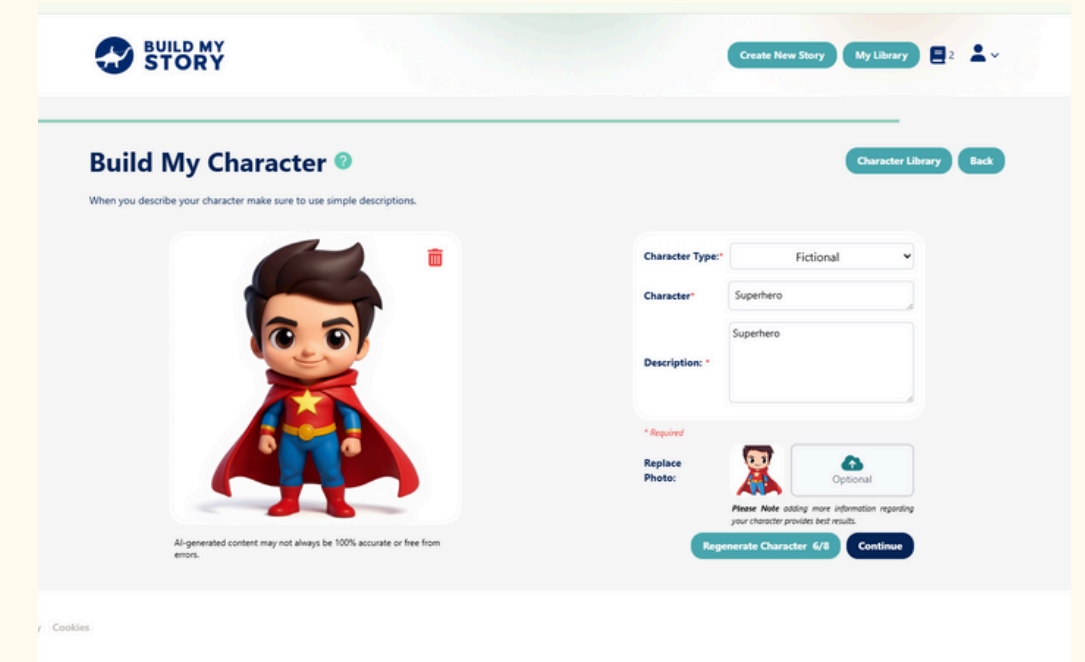
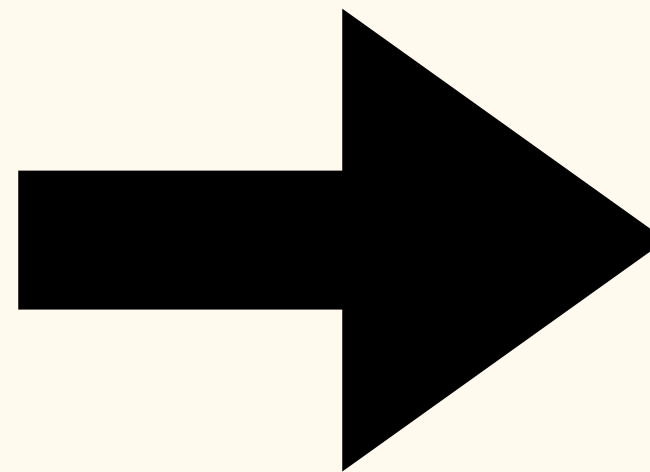
What is A.I?



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.