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Build My Story

Writing Project

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Session 1

Brainstorm and Plan your story

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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.

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Choose a prompt

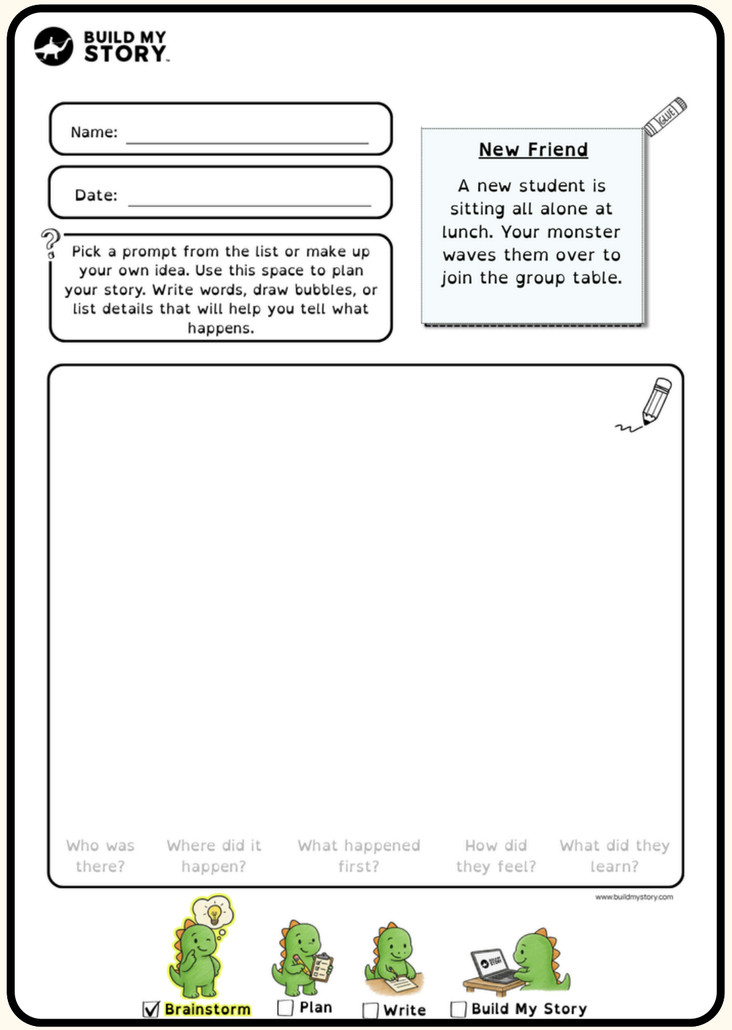
- Your teacher will hand out the Prompt Sheet
- Pick one idea or write your own
- Cut it out and glue on your Brainstorm sheet (or write your choice at the top)
- Keep it simple and clear

Kindness Monsters

Heavy Lift A neighbor is struggling to carry a heavy load. Your monster uses its strength to help them carry it home.	**Silent Ear** A friend is upset and needs to talk. Your monster sits quietly and listens until the friend feels better.	**Fair Share** A classmate really wants a turn with a cool toy. Your monster happily hands it over to share the fun.
New Friend A new student is sitting all alone at lunch. Your monster waves them over to join the group table.	**Clean Up** The beautiful park is full of messy litter. Your monster picks up every piece to make the earth smile.	**Warm Hug** Someone is feeling sad and lonely today. Your monster offers a gentle, fluffy squeeze to help dry their tears.
Cheer Squad A teammate is failing and wants to give up. Your monster cheers loudly to give them the courage to finish.	**Fresh Start** A friend accidentally breaks something precious. Your monster smiles kindly and says it was just a mistake.	**Patient Guide** A smaller creature does not know the way. Your monster gently walks with them to show them the right path.
Be Brave Someone is being mean to a smaller friend. Your monster steps in to safely stop the unkind behavior.	**Surprise Gift** A family member looks very tired today. Your monster makes a special surprise to brighten their whole day.	**Half Snack** A friend forgot their lunch at home. Your monster breaks their own delicious sandwich in half to share it.
Kind Words A classmate looks unsure of their art project. Your monster gives them a compliment to build their confidence.	**You First** The line for the slide is very long. Your monster steps back to let a smaller friend go ahead of them.	**Cool Down** An argument is starting to get too hot. Your monster suggests a quick break so everyone can calm down.

Make your idea bold and exciting

- Explore a few different directions your story could go
- Choose one clear main goal (what your character wants to do or solve)
- Let your character’s unique traits help them succeed
- If your story grows or changes, that’s part of the journey!



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

Linking Words & Phrases

- 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
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- before
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- especially
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- above all
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- overall
- in conclusion

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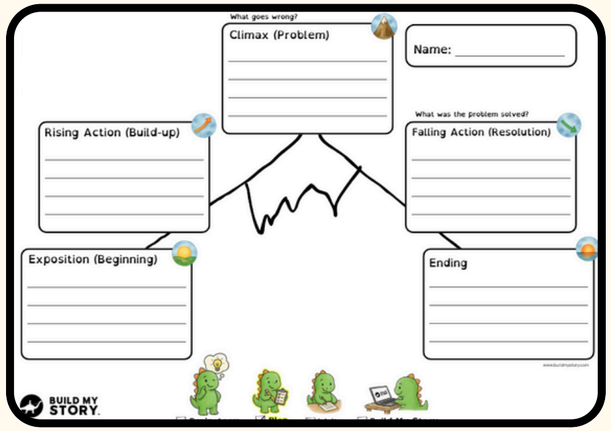
Turn to the person next to you and ask…

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

⏰ You get 2 minutes

Story Mountain overview

⏰ You get 15 minutes



Climax:
Show the BIG problem or exciting event.

Rising Action:
Show what your characters are doing and build up to the problem.

Falling Action:
Show how the characters try to solve the problem and what happens next.

Exposition (Beginning):
Introduce your setting and characters

Ending:
Show how everything finishes and how the characters feel.

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Turn to the person next to you and ask…

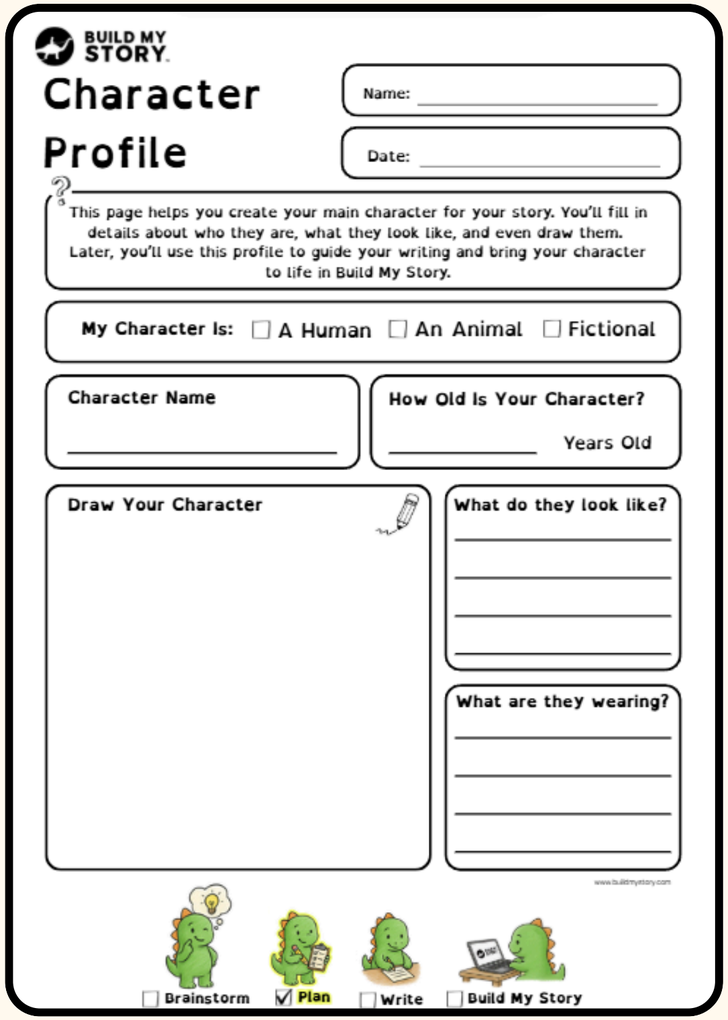
- What is the BIG moment?
- How do things finish and how do they feel at the end?

⏰ You get 2 minutes

Build your main character

⏰ You get 10 minutes

- Name
- What type of character are they?
- What do they look like?
- What are they wearing?
- One memorable detail (something others will remember)



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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 ≤ 200 words)

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Session 2

Write Your Story

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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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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.

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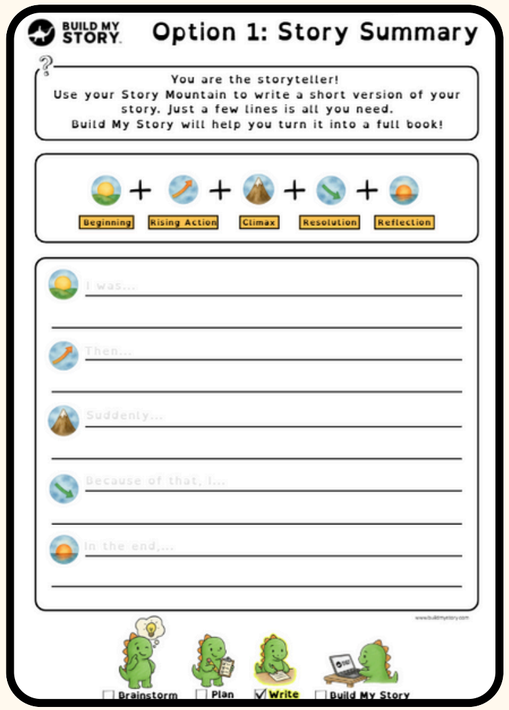
Choose your path

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

PATH A

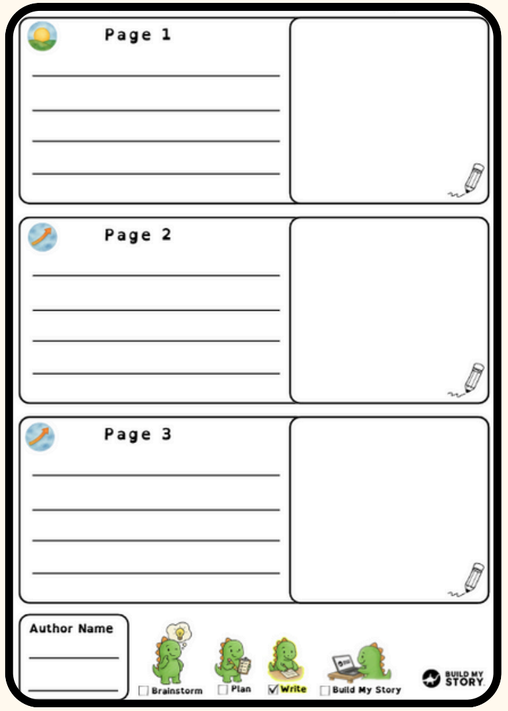


Story Summary

(4–6 sentences)

OR

PATH B



Full Draft

(About 500 words)

Only as much as you can do

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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)

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Example Story Summary 1

New Friend

A new student is sitting all alone at lunch. Your monster waves them over to join the group table.

1) Blue stood alone on the loud playground during morning recess.

2) He saw a new student on the bench with no one to play with.

3) Blue walked over and waved them toward the big group table.

4) They shared a fun game of tag and ran all around the swings.

5) Blue had a brand new friend and felt very proud of himself.

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Example Story Summary 2

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.

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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

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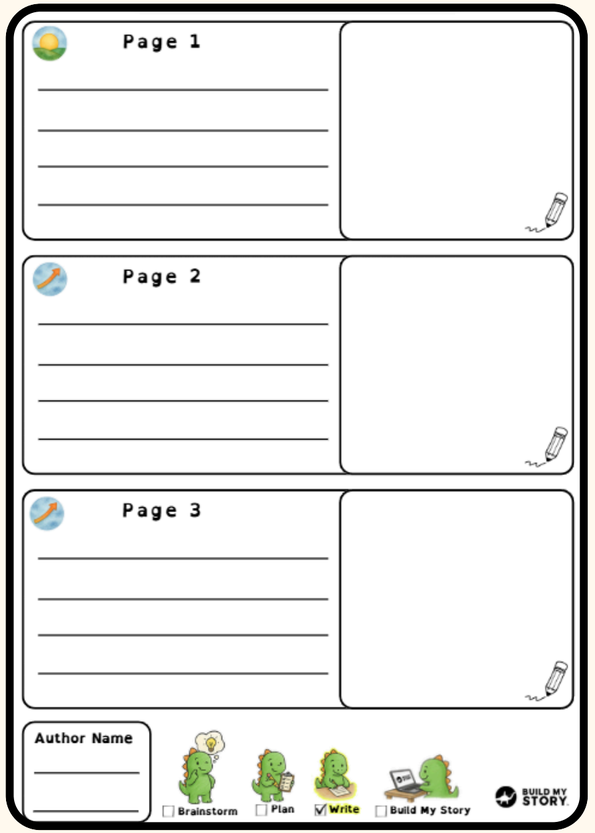
Draft guide

- 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.



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Show, don’t tell

Tell → The character was very helpful.

Show → They shared their last snack and gave a big smile.

Tell → The room was very messy.

Show → Papers and supplies covered the floor.

Swap one “tell” for a “show.”

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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

- kindness
- monster
- friendly
- helpful
- gentle
- brave
- caring
- polite
- respect
- share
- listen
- comfort
- cheer
- protect
- guide
- happy
- sad
- lonely
- excited
- proud
- grateful
- empathy
- courage
- honesty
- patience
- generous
- thoughtful
- manners
- feelings
- emotion
- heart
- spirit
- magic
- superpower
- fur
- horns
- tail
- claws
- wings
- scales
- paws
- fuzzy
- fluffy
- spotty
- slime
- big
- tiny
- strong
- soft
- school
- class
- playground
- recess
- lunch
- friend
- neighbor
- family
- team
- group
- community
- earth
- world
- home
- book
- toy
- game
- litter

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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

- [x] I can turn my plan into a draft.
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- [x] I can add a detail so my writing is clearer.

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Session 3

Build Your Story

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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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Sign in

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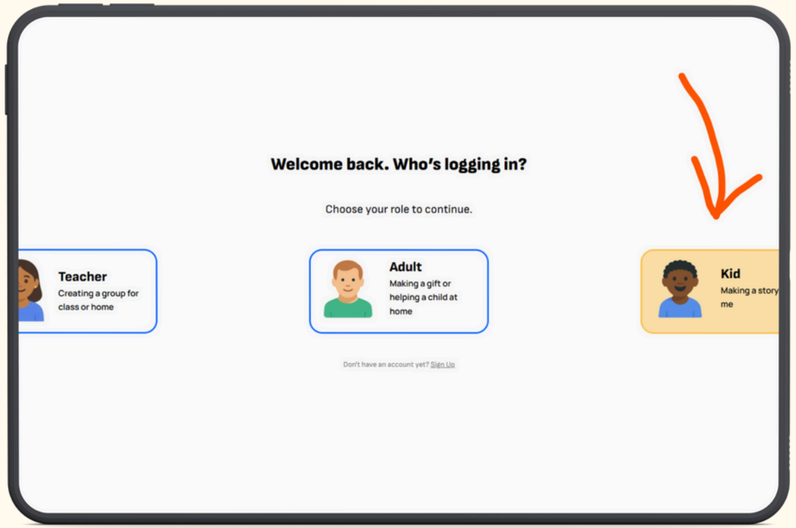

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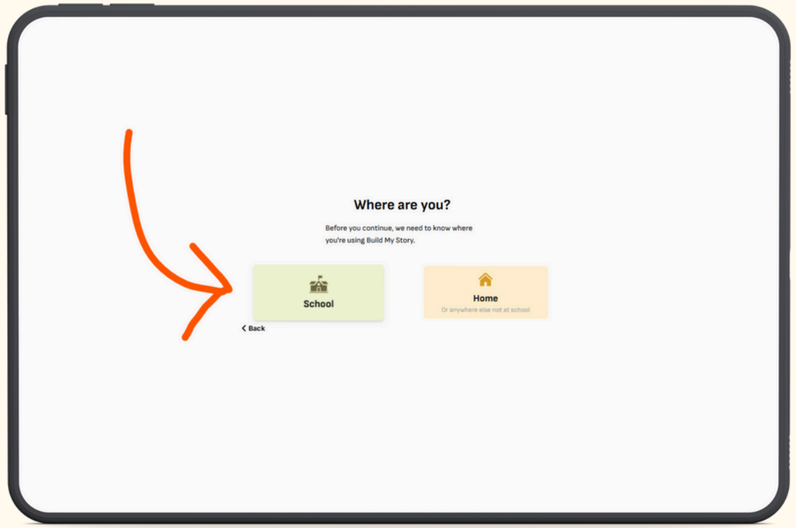

Tap Kid to sign in

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Log in using username

Your teacher will help with usernames or Clever or Google Classroom

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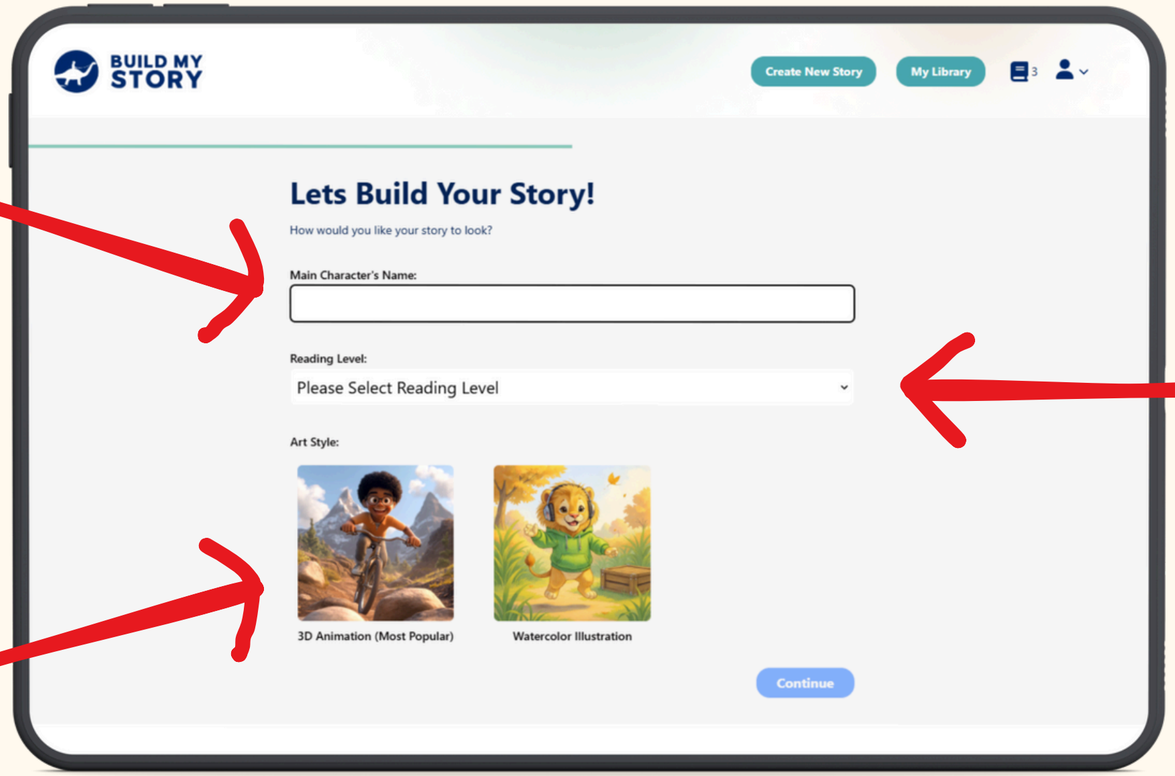
Set up your book

1

Type your main character's name

3

Pick your picture style



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Choose your reading level (ask if unsure)

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Click Continue

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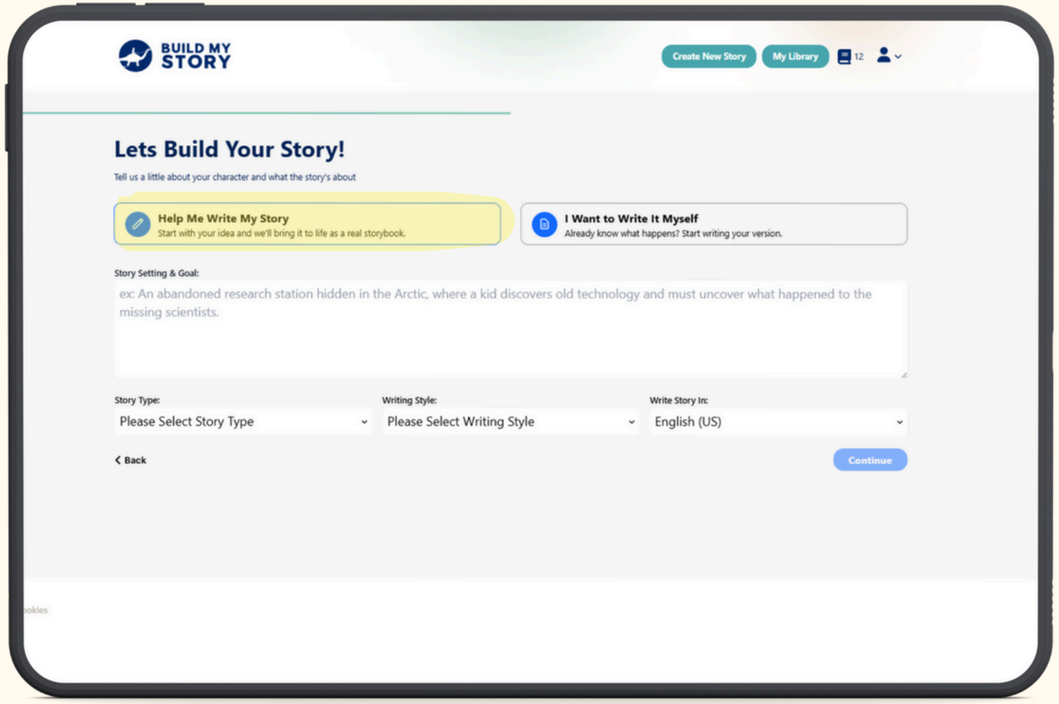
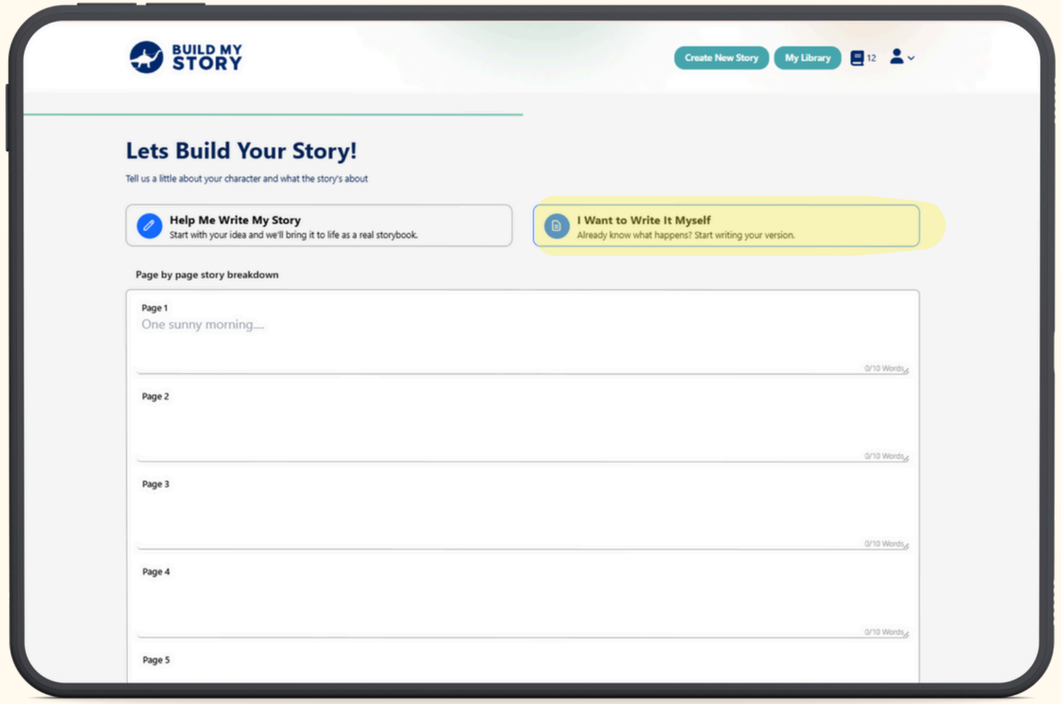
Choose how to write

Path A



Help me write — paste your summary

Path B



Type it myself — type your story

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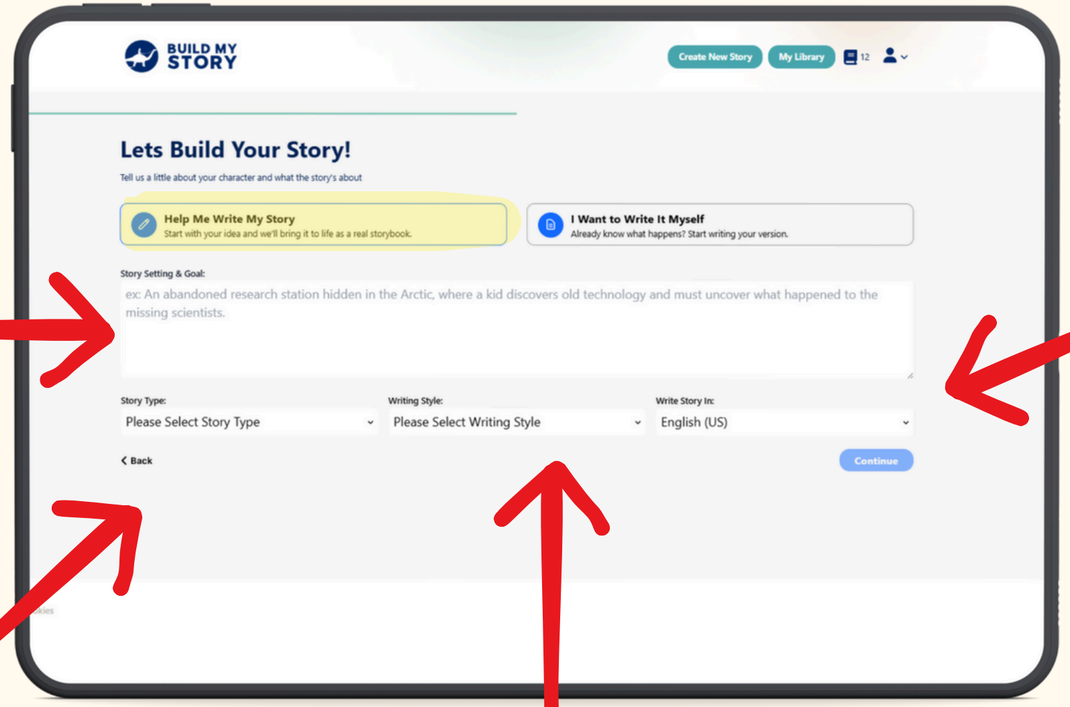
Help me write — paste your summary

1

Paste your 4–6 sentence summary



2

Choose Story Type

3

Choose Writing Style

4

Choose Language

5

Click Continue

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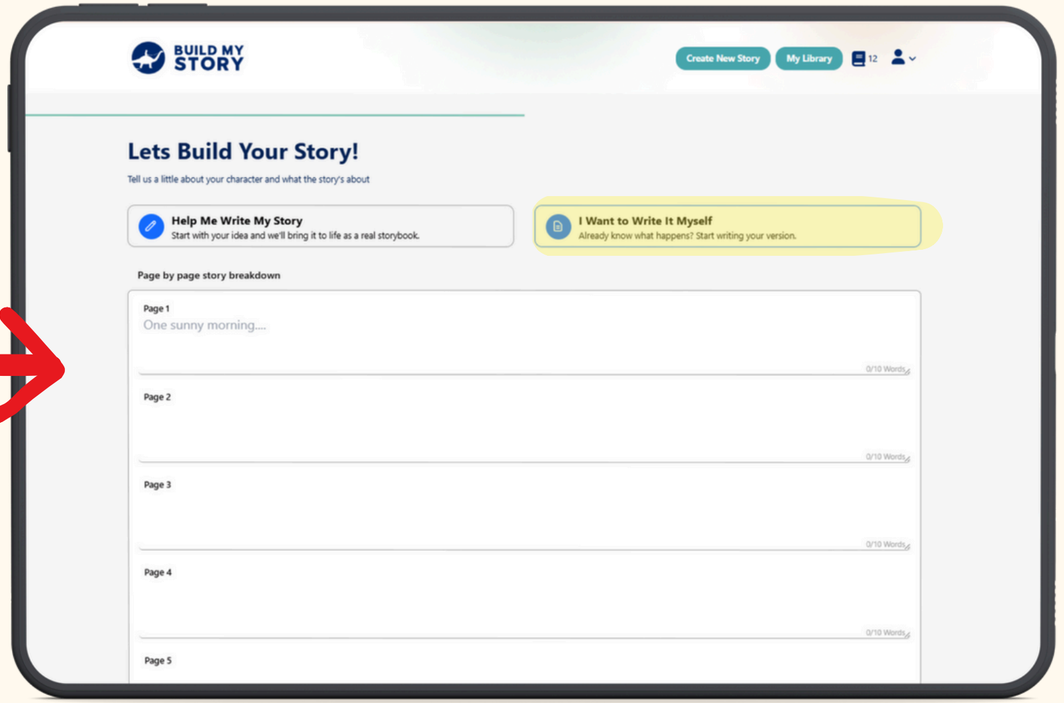
Type it myself

Type into the 11 pages **1**

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

Use 2–3 linking words



2 Click Continue

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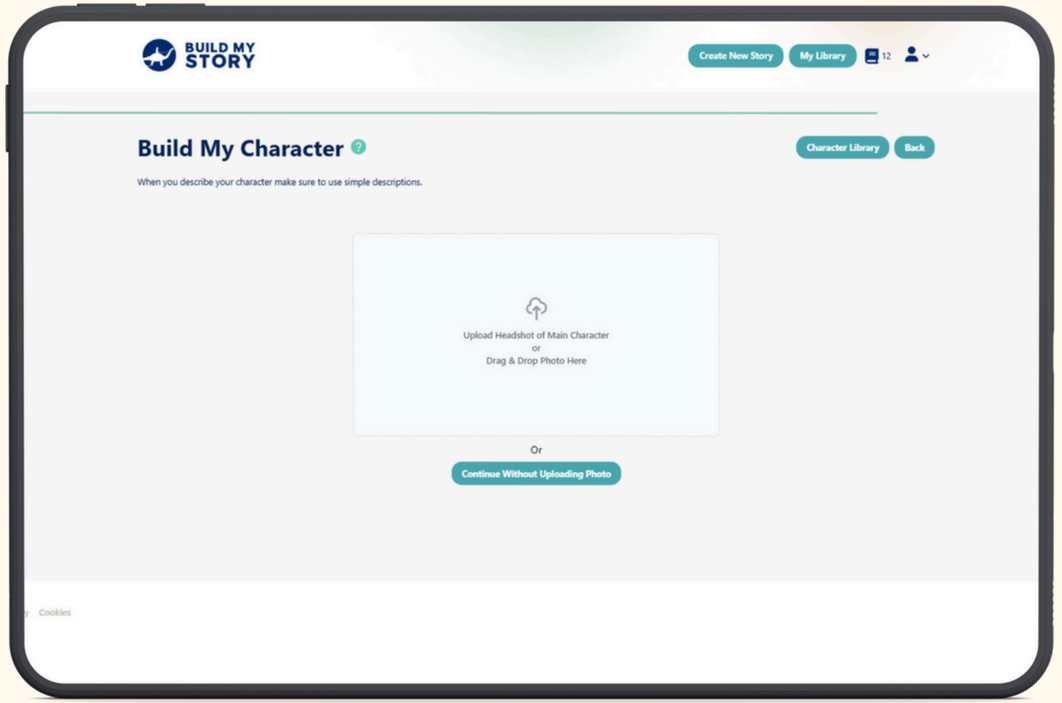
Build your character

Upload a drawing

OR

A picture of a character

OR



Click ‘Continue without uploading character’

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Build your character

1 Choose Character Type:

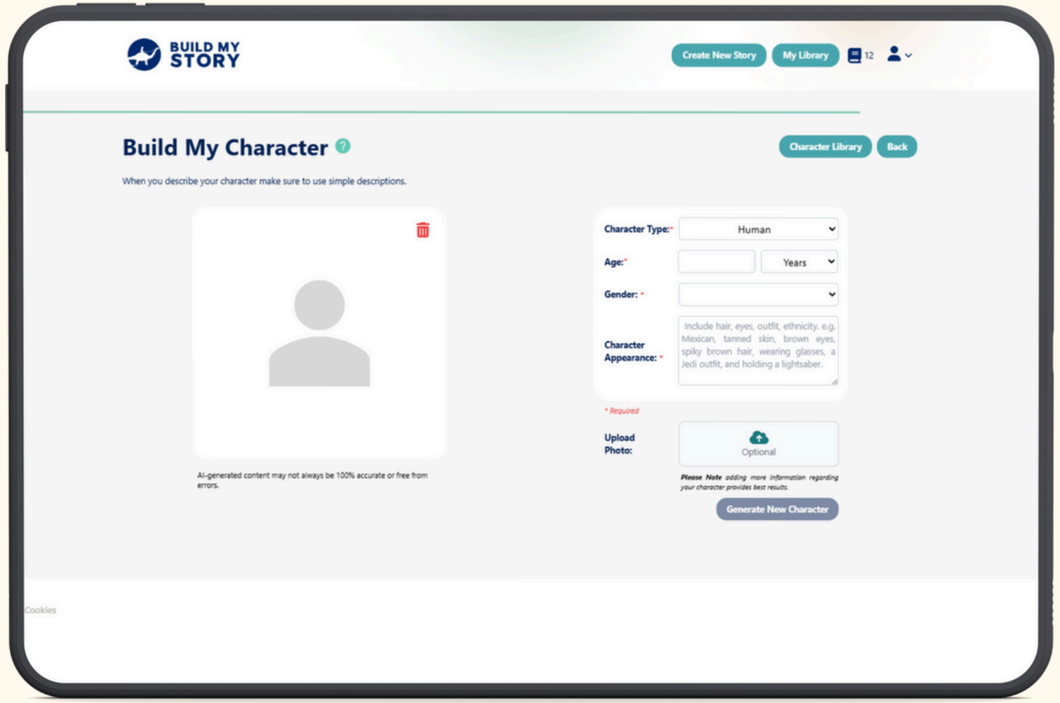
Human, Animal or Fictional

2 Age or character type if

its an animal or fictional

3 Type character appearance.

What does the character look like?



4 Click ‘Generate New Character’

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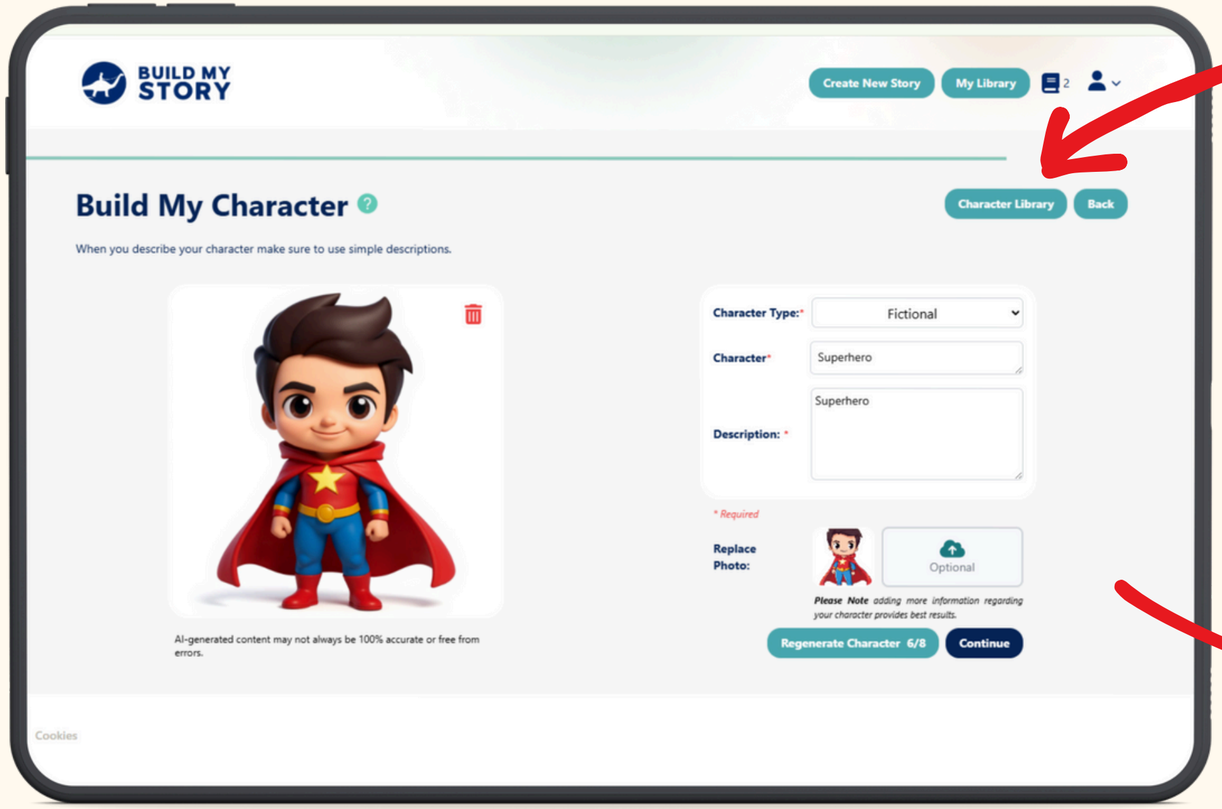
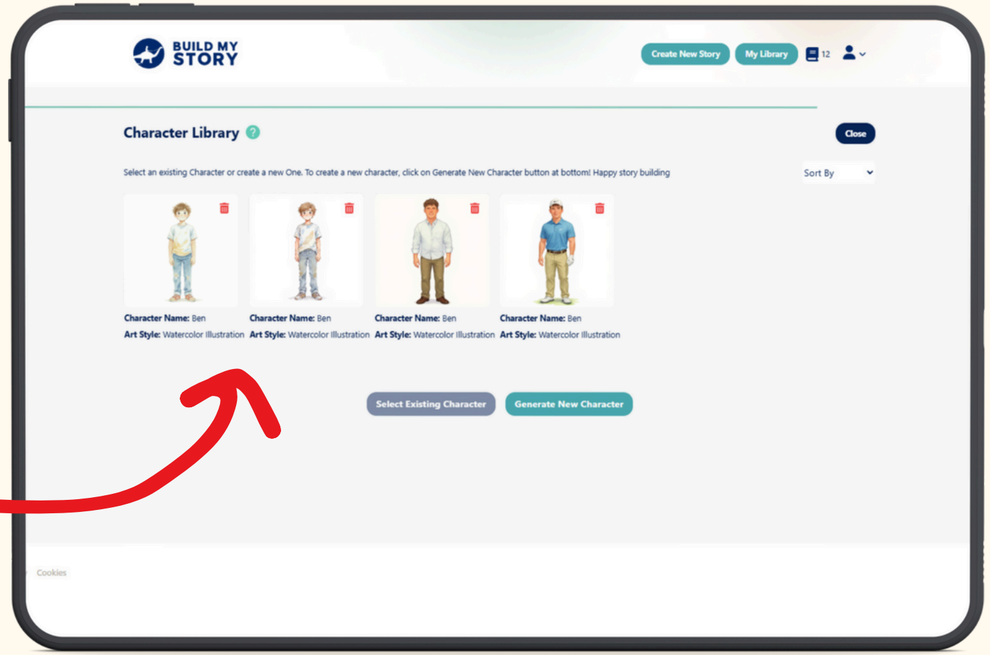
Build your character

Click to view all of the

characters you have made





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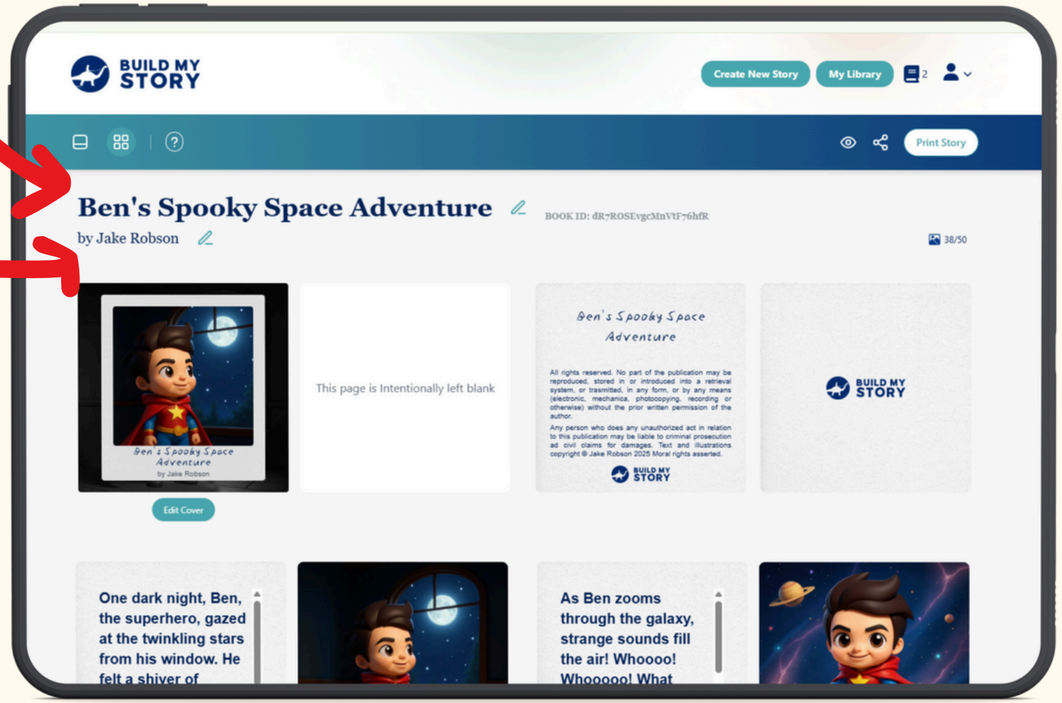
Edit Your Book Until You Are Happy!

Edit Your Title

Edit Author Name

Scroll and Read your amazing story!



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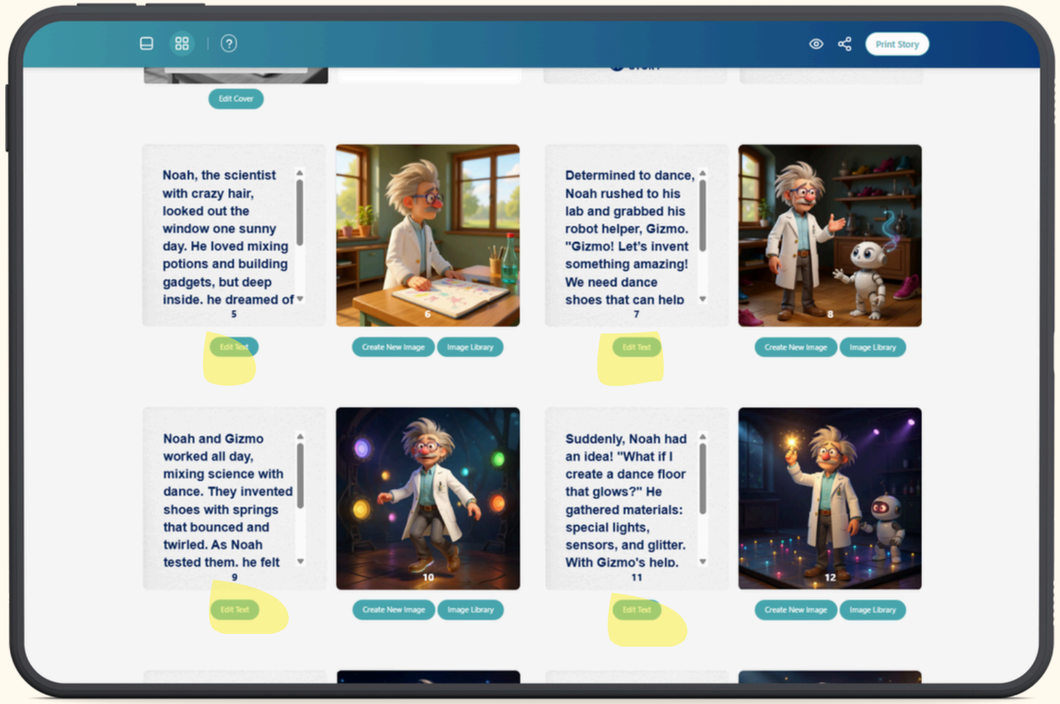
How to edit text



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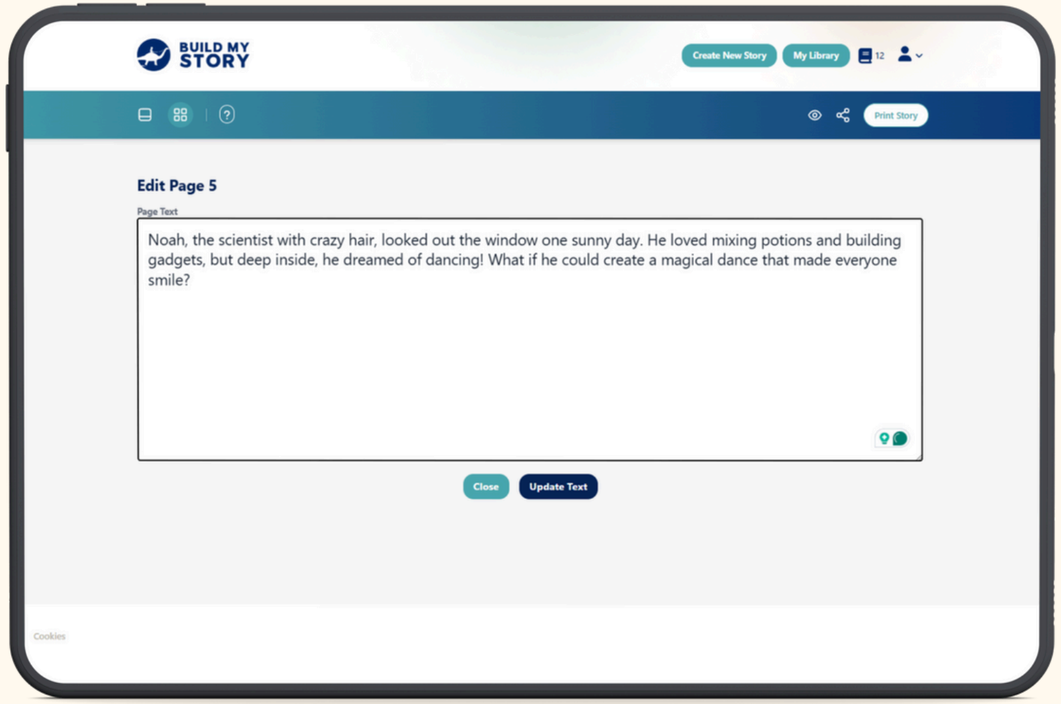

Type, Edit and ‘Update Text’

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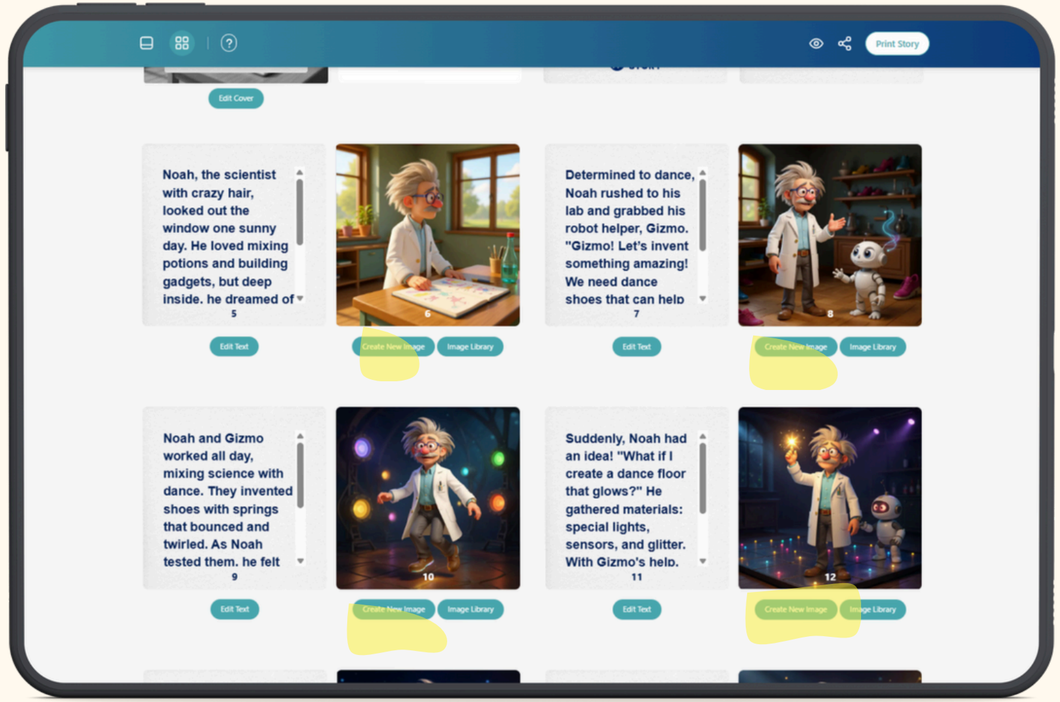
How to edit Images



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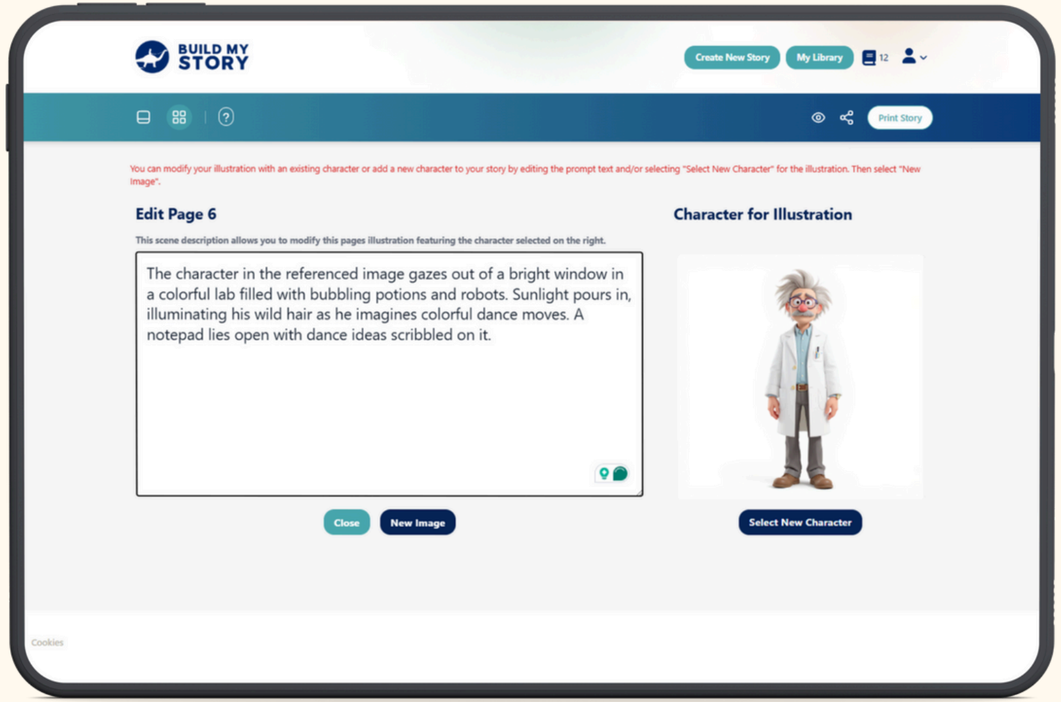

Type in your Image Prompt

What is an image prompt? →

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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).

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Quick Example Image Prompts

Good Prompt

“The fluffy monster shares a bright red toy in a sunny playroom; colorful blocks are on the floor.”

Not Good Prompt

“The monster is in the school.”

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

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Why is this a bad prompt?

Not Good Prompt

“The monster is in the school.”

Action – No Action

Place – “School”

Objects – No Objects

Mood/Time – No Mood/Time

The bad prompt has not passed the 4 magic parts!

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Why is this a good prompt?

Good Prompt

“The fluffy monster shares a bright red toy in a sunny playroom; colorful blocks are on the floor.”

- Action – “Shares a toy…”
- Place – “Sunny playroom”
- Objects – “Toy,” “Colorful blocks”
- Mood/Time – “Sunny,” “Bright”

The good prompt has passed the 4 magic parts!

And that’s how to use AI!

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You can even add more characters!

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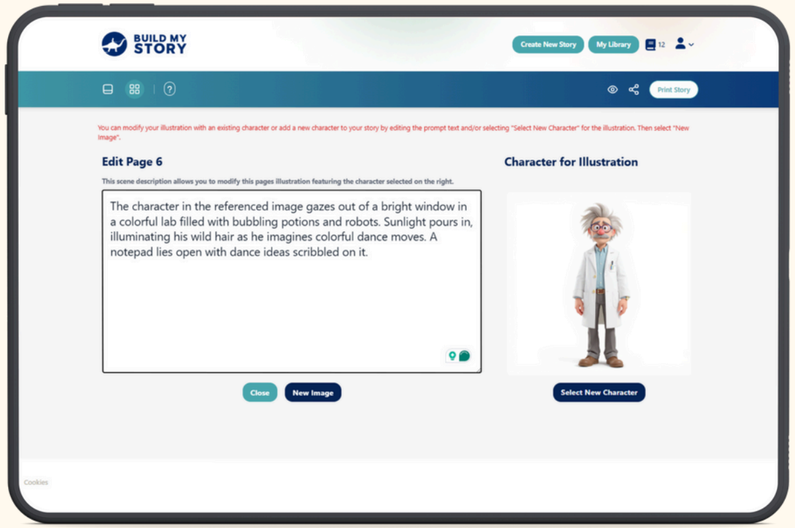

Click ‘Select New Character’

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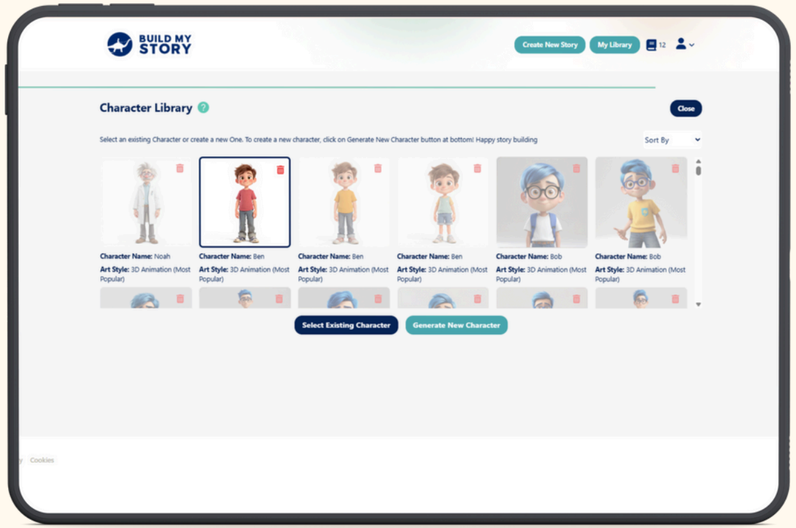

Create or choose a new character

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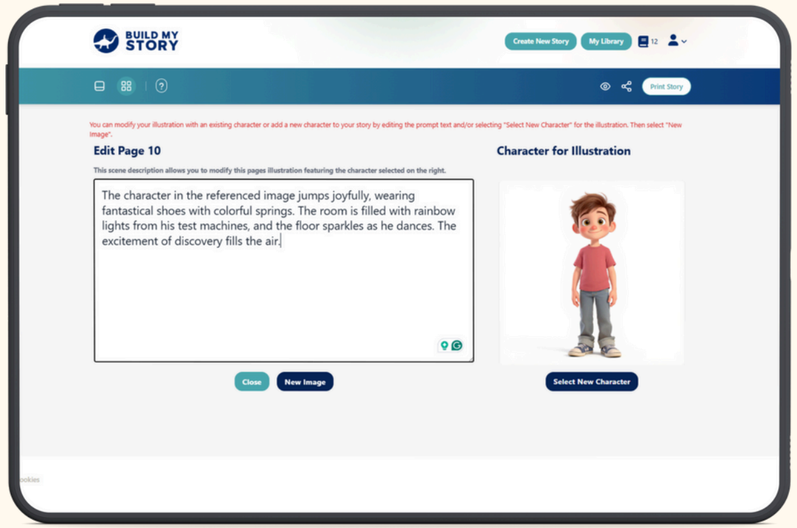

Edit Image Prompt

Remember to change your image prompt with your new character!

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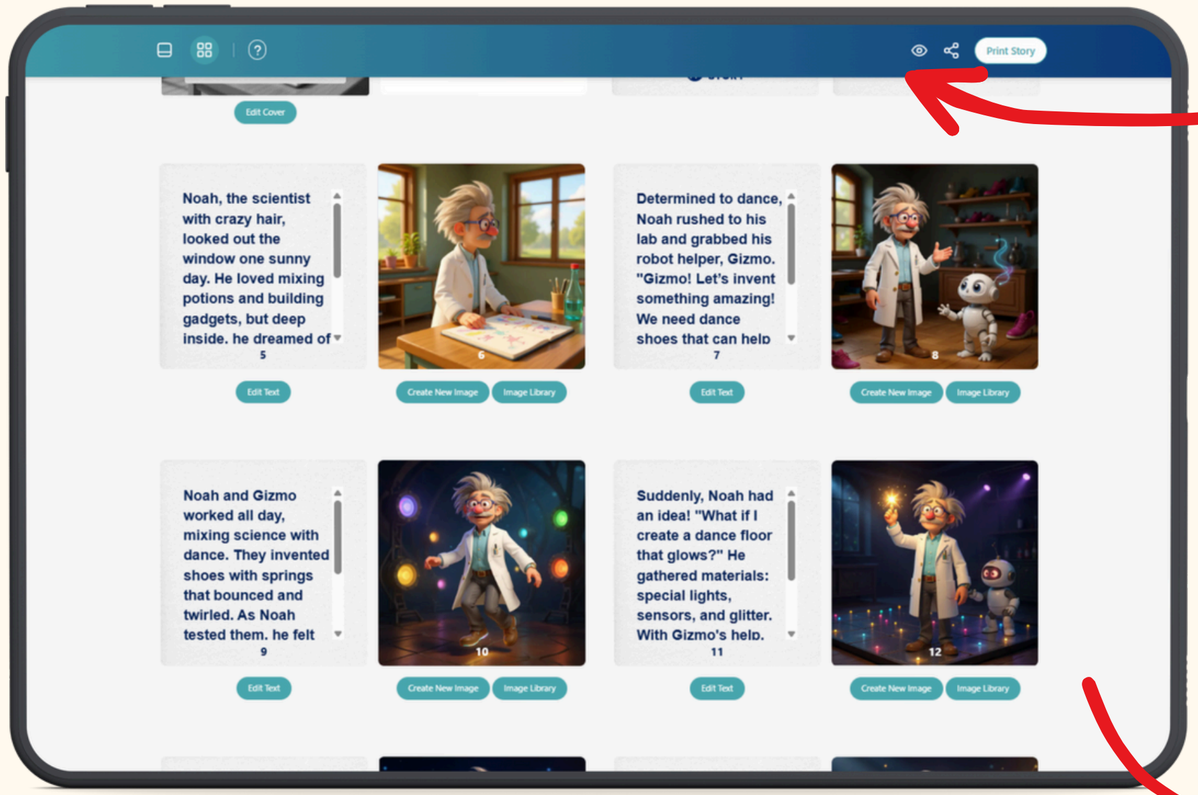
Proof Read when you're finished!



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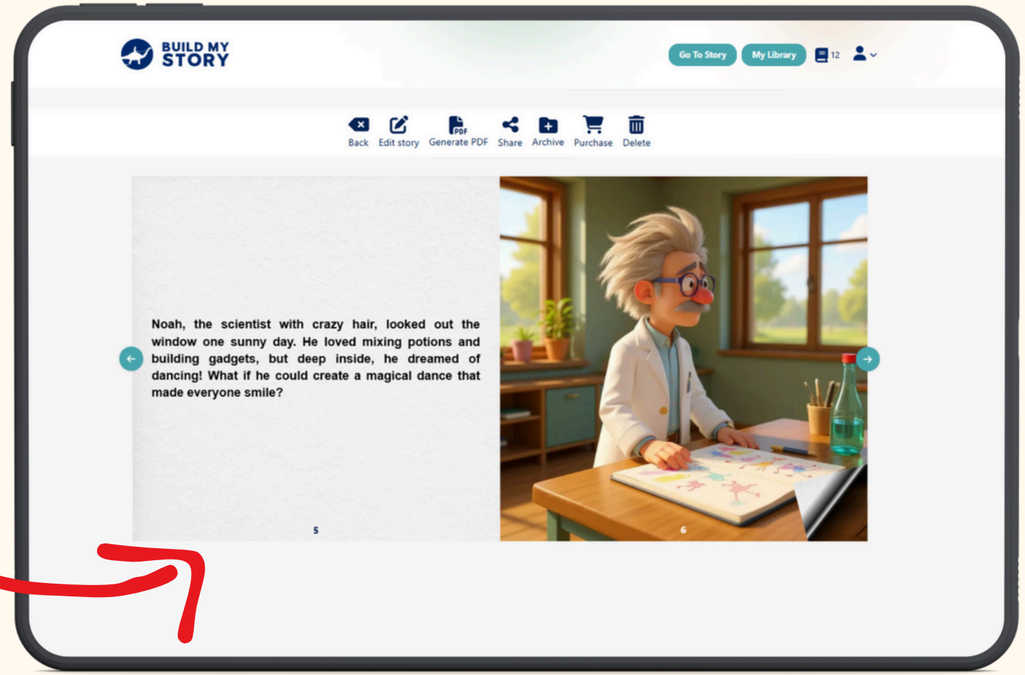

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Learning Objectives

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

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What is AI?

Optional Add On

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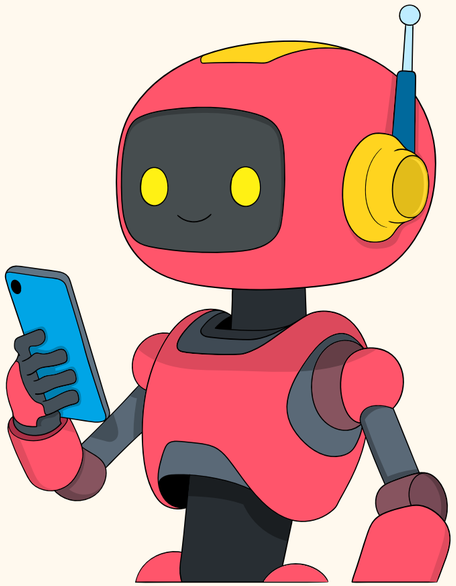
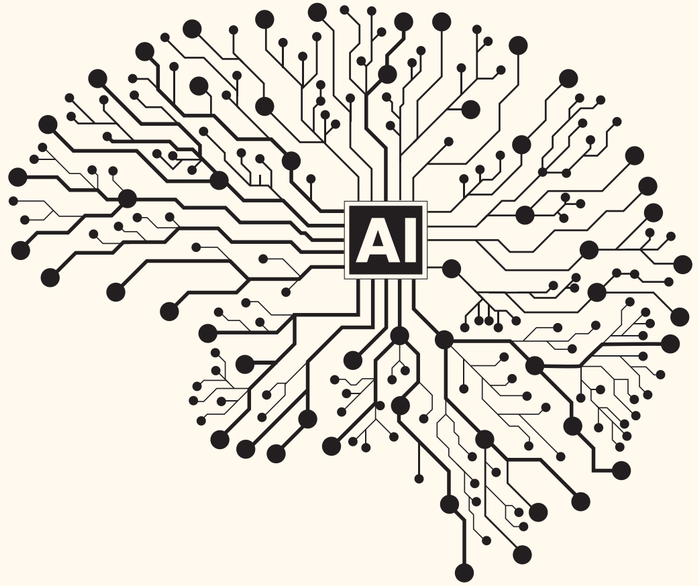
The first question is...

What is A.I?





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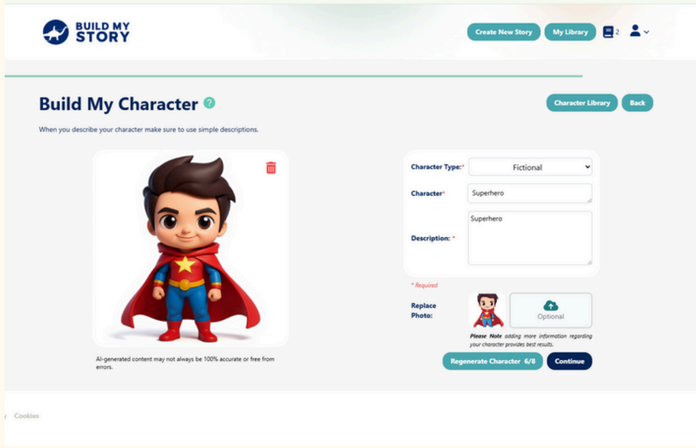
What is A.I?

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!

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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.