

Frog fun

Introduction

This is an ideal first scribing story starter and is particularly suited to older children scribing for younger ones. In this Story Inspiration, a first line for the story is given and the questions are clearly defined making it simple for new scribes, either parents or children, to begin scribing.

A Story Introduction

It might help to remind scribes and authors of the Frog Prince story. The Frog Prince is a well known story and It is not retold here. However, I use a frog hand puppet to help with the story.

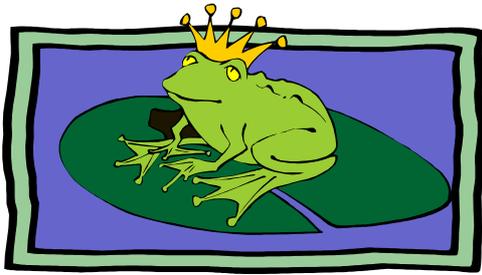
In my version, the frog is invited to the princess's birthday party. He hates all the food so the princess goes out to dig him up some juicy slugs. He is great at showing the children new games like Leap Frog and others but he is too tired to hop back to his pond.

When the princess invites him to stay he is not sure whether to accept. Firstly, he is shocked to find that the princess has no pond in her room. She explains that the bath (or shower tray) will be almost as good. Secondly he has heard disturbing stories that something horrible happens to frogs who stay with princesses. He likes being a frog and so agrees to stay on condition that the princess promises NEVER TO KISS HIM! YUCK! (This last bit usually makes the children laugh.

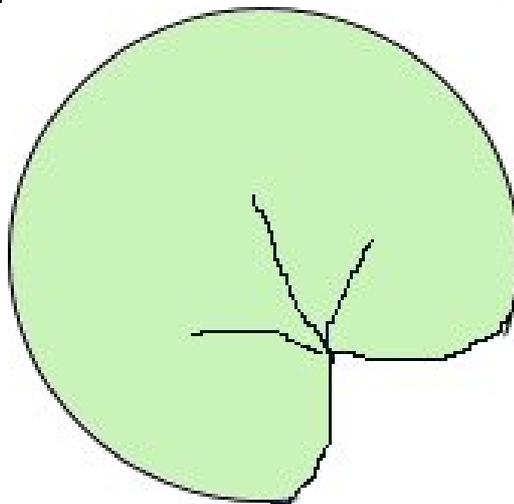
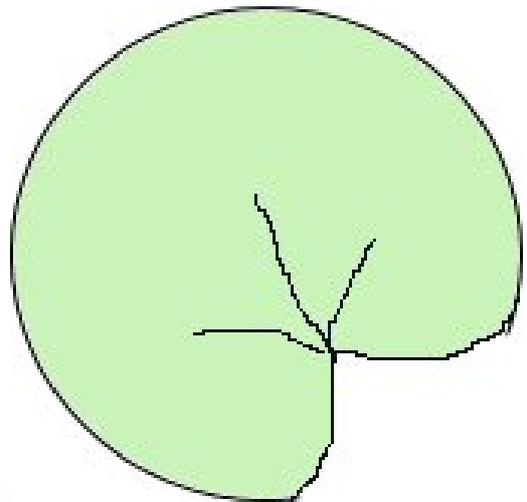
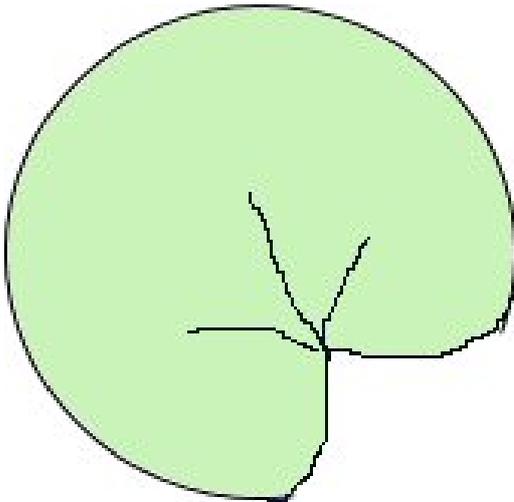
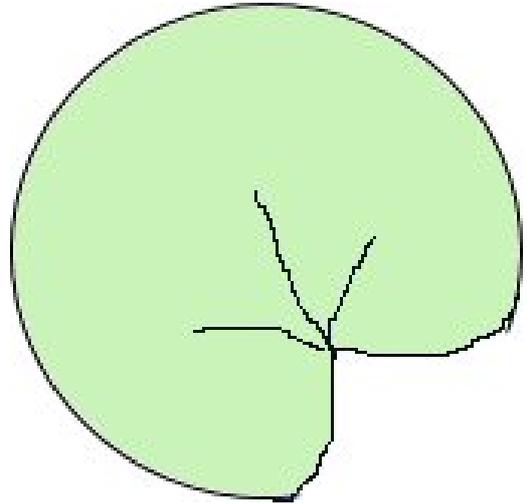
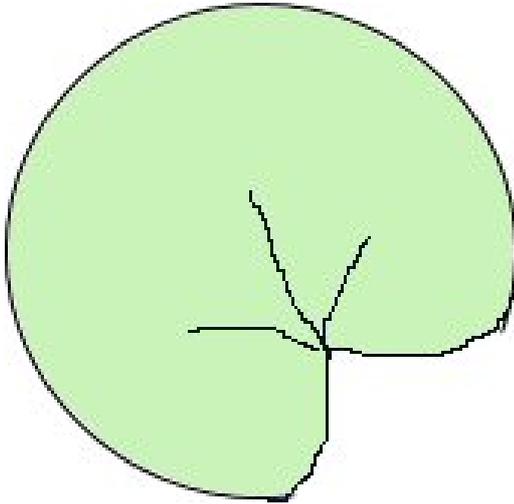
The story ends with the princess agreeing that she will find a way to make a return visit to the frog at the bottom of the pond.

This can make a great follow up story.

An Activity sheet extension is included for children who do not have a scribe.

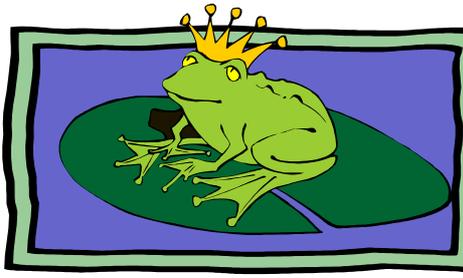


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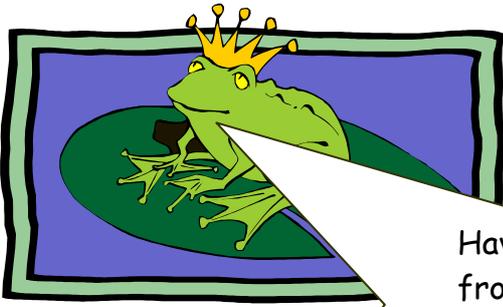
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Have you ever been told the story about the frog who rescued a golden ball from a pond? I don't think I would want a princess kissing me.

Story ideas

At the bottom of the green garden was a misty moisty pond ...

It is fun being a frog. You get to explore lots of interesting places like the misty mossy bottoms of ponds.

You get to eat lots of delicious things to eat like slugs and snails.

You get to be brilliant at jumping. I'm the best.

What was the pond like?

What colours were there?

What grew around the pond?

Who lived in the pond?

Were there any frogs?

What were their names?

What did they like to play?

What did they like to eat?

What was at the bottom of the pond?

Did the frogs explore the garden?

What did they find?

Maybe one of the frogs had an adventure

What happened?

Maybe one of the frogs made a new friend.

Tell the story.

Scribes

- Talk about the story idea to get a story going.
- Asking the questions will help to structure the story.
- Encourage description.
- Write down the ideas for your author.
- The questions are only a guideline. Your author may have much better ideas.
- Enjoy making a story together.
- Author and scribe both sign the new story.

