

EPISODE ACTIVITY



GIVE IT A LISTEN!



Season 4, Episode 15
The Peach/Ten Tigers

What's This Activity About?

Learn how to write a story with a surprising twist ending!

What Stuff Do I Need?

Paper and something to write with!

This lesson is inspired by the story "The Peach" by an 8 year-old named Maci and an 11 year-old named Lydia from South Carolina. In the story, a girl named Sarah goes with her mom to a plant store and buys a strange glowing peach seed that comes with strange water and strange fertilizer. When she plants it and then eats its glowing fruit, she turns into a mermaid, learns how to swim, and then is ready to meet the Mermaid Queen. In the end, it turns out that her own mother who took her to the plant store in the first place was the Mermaid Queen all along--what a twist!

Putting a twist at the end of your story is a fun way to surprise your reader, and give them a story they didn't expect! There are two main steps to keep in mind when you write a twist--and the second step is a little tricky:

Step 1: Decide on the twist! What is the surprise ending going to be?

To practice coming up with one, check out the next page to see the written version of "The Peach" that Maci and Lydia wrote. In the original version, it turned out that the Mermaid Queen was the main character's own mother. What is a different surprise ending you could come up with? You can use your imagination and make it as different as you want from the original story.

Step 2: Here's the tricky part: go back to the beginning of the story and add a small hint about your surprise ending. Good writers revise their work and add new details all the time--and adding this hint will help your twist make sense when the reader gets to the end! On our practice sheet, you can do this by adding some sort of detail about the water and fertilizer that makes the seed grow. For example: If the Mermaid Queen was an alien, maybe the package of fertilizer had a picture of Mars on it! Make it as weird as you want!

If you like the twist ending you come up with, please have a grownup share it with us. Or, if you write your own brand new story with a twist ending, we'd love to see that as well!

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