

EPISODE ACTIVITY

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The Adventures of Harold Jordan

THE ADVENTURES OF HAROLD JORDAN



What's This Activity About?

Make a deck of cards which you can use to tell your own stories.

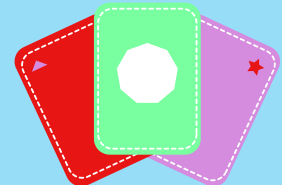
What Stuff Do I Need?

Index cards (or drawing paper or cardstock), and something to draw and write with!

In the story "The Adventures of Harold Jordan," by a 9 year-old from Iowa named Phoebe, we meet Harold Jordan, the "most perfect celebrity in the world." Harold ends up starring in a TV show, but the problem is that he has no idea who he is playing or even what the plot is! In this activity, kids will create a tool that could have helped Harold out with his problem: **STORY CARDS!** They're a deck of cards that can help us to tell a story!

Start by brainstorming examples of...

- A Setting: where and when the story takes place
- A Character: who the story is about
- A Character's Want: something the character really really wants!
When the character tries to get this thing, you've got a story.



Your ideas can be as weird as you want! Come up with a bunch of different examples of settings, characters, and things that characters want, and you'll be ready to make your Story Cards.

Get a stack of index cards, OR just cut out some rectangles from paper or cardstock to use as the cards. On one side of each card draw a picture of the setting, the character, or the thing a character might want. On the other side, write a short description of what you drew.

Once you've got a bunch of cards, divide them into three piles: one for settings, one for characters, and one for wants. Shuffle each pile.

Now you're ready to create stories! Draw a card at random from each deck, and see what weird combinations you get. Did you wind up with the setting of Mars, where a donkey character lives who wants an ice cream cone? Great! Tell the story of that donkey looking for an ice cream cone! Or, be like Harold Jordan from our podcast story, and imagine you need to be on a TV show! Act out the story you created from the cards, and film it for your friends and family.

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