

Make it Modern!



Give it a Listen: Season 3, Episode 28: "I Have a Cookie / Three Little Phones"

What's this activity about? Writing a modern twist on a classic fairy tale or folk tale

What stuff do I need to do it? paper, something to write with, your imagination, a classic fairy tale

This week's episode featured a story called "Three Little Phones" by a kid from Virginia named Colin, which was a retelling of the classic story "The Three Little Pigs." We loved that Colin made the story more modern by turning the pig characters into phones, but Colin didn't stop there! Instead of straw, sticks, and bricks, the houses in Colin's version were also made of modern things: phone cases, metal, and firewall!

We loved the modern twist on a classic tale so much that we wanted to show our Creators at home how to take a classic story and *modernize* it: make it full of new things we have in today's world.

First, think of a classic fairy tale or folk tale that you already know like *Cinderella*, *Rapunzel*, or *Robin Hood*, or any other story you enjoy. Then, make a list of elements from that story. List the setting, main characters, and the main problem:

"Three Little Pigs"

Setting: farm

Characters:

First Pig

Second Pig

Third Pig

Problem:

Big Bad Wolf wants to eat the pigs!

Now, decide how you want to change each of those elements to make them more *new and modern*! For example, Colin made the pigs all into phones, and gave them a computer mom! Once you have your setting and characters, rewrite the story with your new twists. You can write the story to have the same or a similar ending, or you can change it up--the story is yours!

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